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Local officials forming Community Action Plan

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Local officials are taking part in a planning initiative aimed at helping communities with large tracts of federal land separate the forest from the trees economically.

Governmental and business officials have been working on a Community Action Plan in hopes of attracting more federal grant funds to help boost the economy.

The U.S. Forest Service has made the funds available through the National Forest Dependent Rural Communities Development Economic Act of 1990 for areas that are dependent on the timber industry where persisting poverty exists.

About 38,000 acres of the Huron-Manistee National Forest is located in Crawford County.

Officials from Huron Pines Resource and Conservation District and Northeast Michigan Council of Governments are drafting community action plans for Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Alcona Counties.

"Dealing with federal funding is never a sure thing, but if the funds are appropriated, having the plan in place will make the county eligible to receive some Continued on Page 2A
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1071st Maintenance Co prepares for mission

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Several men and women who keep Camp Grayling and other military operations going in Crawford County are being deployed to Iraq.

The 1071st Maintenance Company is being mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

About 178 men and women, many who live in the Grayling area, will take part in training in Texas prior to departing for Kuwait or Iraq.

The 1071st includes metal workers, machinists, crane operators, welders and mechanics who specialize in the repair of military vehicles, heavy armor and weapons.

While the deployment will impact several families and the overall community, the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES) located on North Down River Road will also take a hard hit. About 40 men and women, nearly half of the 95 people who work at the maintenance facility, are part of the 1071st Maintenance Company.

Members of the unit were anxiously packing up their tools and equipment and finalizing their financial and legal affairs this week.

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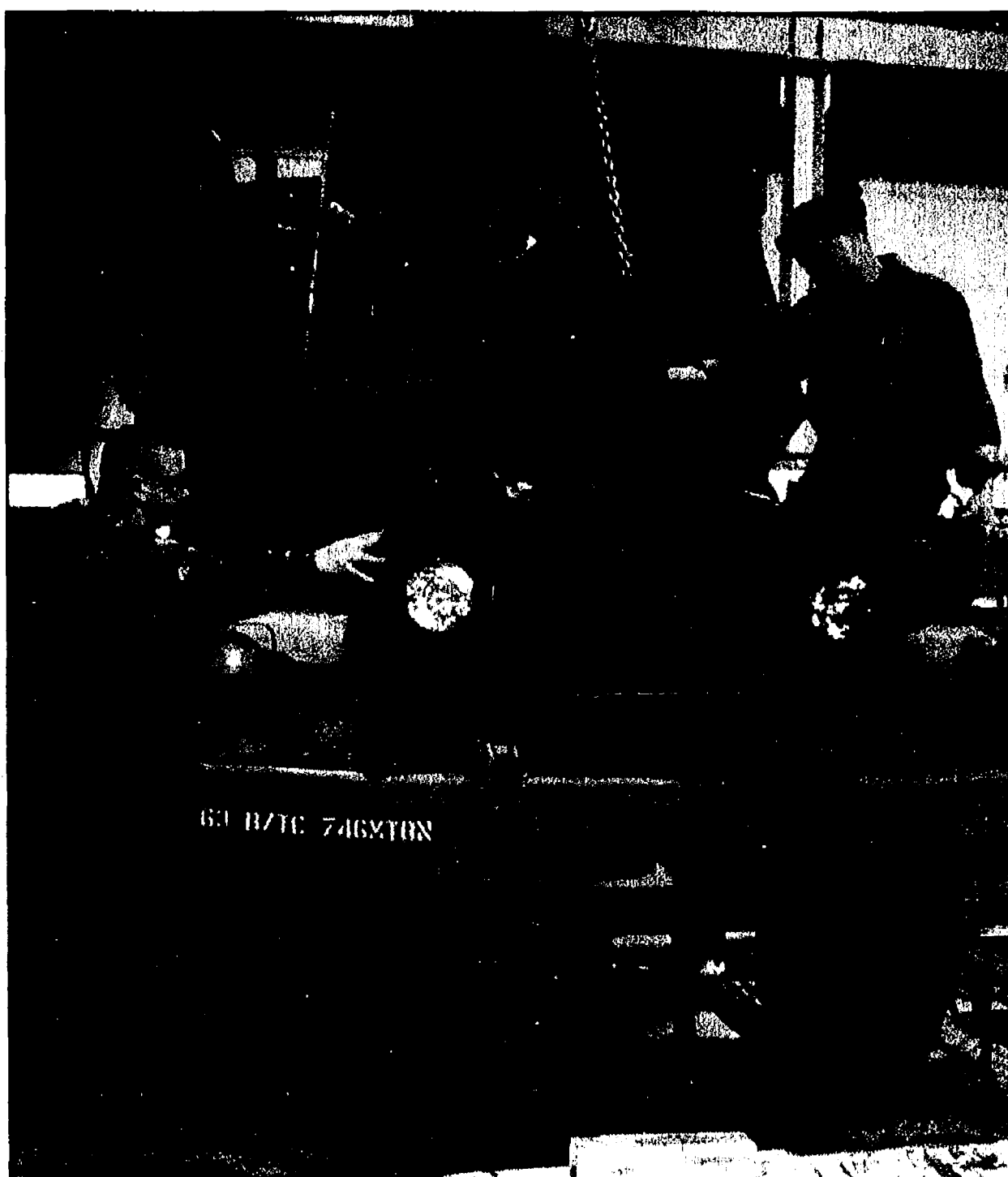


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Pfc. Eric Waite and Sgt. Ron Fitzpatrick, employees at the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site, place a motor back in a truck which will be used by the 1071st Maintenance Company.

New County Board ready to take on issues

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Tight budgets, restoration of the 24-hour road patrol and a possible relocation of the county building are top issues for new Crawford County Board.

Dave Stephenson, who is serving his second two-year term on the board, was selected by his peers to serve as chairwoman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners last week.

Terry Beardslee was named vice chairman of the board.

Kathy Rogers, who is serving her first term on the board, was elected chairwoman of the county's ways and means committee.

Scott Hanson will oversee the county personnel committee.

Shelly Pinkelman will remain as the chairwoman of the county law enforcement committee.

While the board has several issues to deal with at the commissioner's table, Stephenson said addressing state and local budget woes will be at the forefront of all county matters.

"Everyone is looking forward to going to work," Stephenson said. "It's not going to be an easy chore ahead us. All counties, townships and schools are Continued on Page 2A
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Dam lowering project set to begin

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

After some 11th hour wrangling between state transportation and natural resources officials, the project to lower the AuSable River dam will begin next week.

Construction crews are scheduled to begin removing the AuSable River Dam on Monday, addressing safety concerns regarding the dam's stability and restoring the river to pre-logging era to improve habitat for trout.

The \$385,000 project is a joint effort which involves officials from the City of Grayling, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A \$75,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Act Fund was secured to fund the project, with remaining money coming for the DNR's Fish and Game Fund.

Constructed of log timber during the late 1800s, the AuSable River Dam was originally used to store logs which supplied the local lumber mills. The old U.S. 27 bridge crossing on the I-75 Business Loop was built over the dam and renovated with sheet steel pilings in the mid-1930s as Grayling's main north-south thoroughfare.

MDOT officials had voiced concerns that removing the dam could loosen the footing of the the bridge and jeopardize the structure's foundation. The current proposal satisfies MDOT's safety criteria, and MDOT also will provide inspectors until all construction is completed to ensure the bridge remains structurally secure, said Rep. Matt Gillard, D-Alpena.

"The politics of compromise and collaboration have finally replaced decades of debate and delay on what to do with the AuSable River Dam," Gillard said. "This course of action is going to provide huge benefits to Grayling and to citizens throughout Michigan for hundreds of years to come."

The dam's steel pilings have deteriorated to the point of near failure, and hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of sediment are located behind the dam, much of which is contaminated with street run-off pollutants.

A record flood in July 1994 nearly washed the dam away, which would have produced "a horrendous environmental catastrophe for the AuSable River," said Steve Sendek, a senior fisheries biologist with the MDNR who has been working to resolve Continued on Page 2A
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'TIS THE SEASON OF THE SHANTY

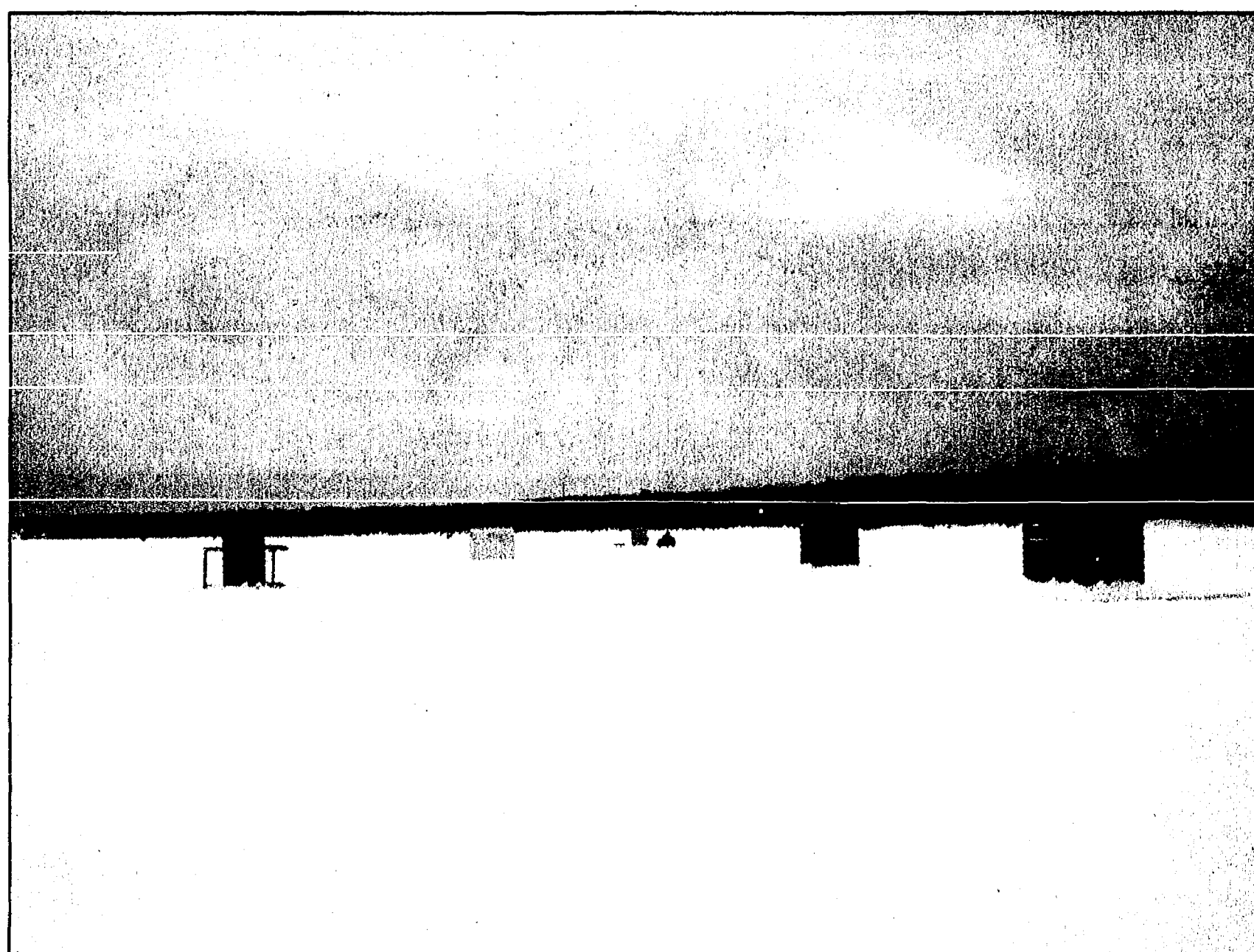


Photo by Josh Greenberg

Ice-fishing shanty-towns are springing up on area lakes, now that the ice is safe. Jack Millikin of Skip's Sport Shop says that Lake Margrethe has 8 to 10 inches of ice, and that ice fishers are catching keeper-size walleye. Fishing pressure has been "light to medium," but Millikin expects it to increase during the Tip-up Town ice fishing event in Houghton Lake this weekend.

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the dam issue for the last 25 years.

"Leaving the dam intact would have been a dangerous risk to the trout population and the life of the river itself," Sendek said. "The way we are doing this project solves all of the environmental issues and will also still allow the community to save its landmark. It's a win-win for everybody."

Some fear the dam's elimination may damage an 85-acre mill pond and wetlands area that gradually developed west of the dam near the Grayling City Park. The pond has attracted nesting water fowl as well as tourists, lured by the pristine natural setting's scenic beauty.

Sendek said changes to the pond will be marginal and ducks and geese will still find their home in the community.

"I don't think the changes are going to be that significant," Sendek said.

The pond created a "thermal" pool that harmed trout habitat by making temperatures too hot in

the summer and too cold in the winter, said Rusty Gates, president of the Anglers of the AuSable, a non-profit conservation organization which works to protect the AuSable River watershed and trout habitat.

In addition, the dam increased the "head height" of the river's main branch by six feet, creating a barrier that prevented trout and other species of fish from moving upstream and downstream to desired habitats in winter and summer, Gates said.

The 2005 project will lower the mill pond by one foot, decrease water temperatures downstream of Grayling and reconnect fragmented sections of the river so any species of fish can travel safely down the AuSable, regardless of the season.

"There is not a river in the county that you can actually improve to this extent with one stroke," Gates said. "This is one of the most positive things to happen to the AuSable River in a long time."

Pete's Contracting of



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Construction crews are scheduled to begin removing the AuSable River Dam on Monday.

Falmouth will build a new structure which will control the height of the river, then will remove the sediment behind the current dam. Subcontractors will cut away the sheet steel from the current dam after the shore is stabilized with riprap. Major work for the project is expected to be completed

in March, and the city park is slated to be restored in June just in time for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The first phase to lower the millpond will be completed in the fall.

"We are going to do the draw down real slow," Sendek said.

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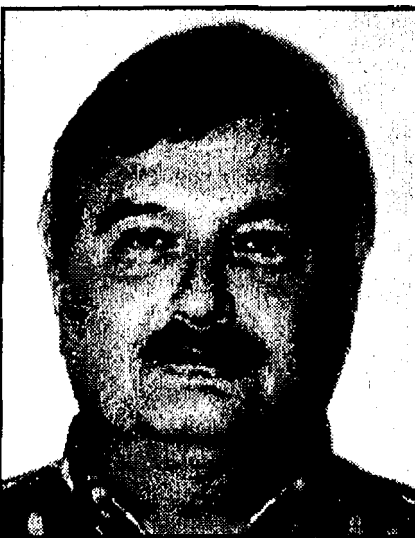
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facing tight budgets and it's going to take awhile to work our way out of this."

County officials will also be working with Sheriff Kirk Wakefield as deputies return to the night road patrol next October, which was made possible by the passage of the law enforcement millage.

"We're committed to reserving those funds as we told the public for that night patrolling and its operations," Stephenson said.

Finally, commissioners are also studying if it will be feasible to relocate the county building to another site in order to expand the downtown area in conjunction with redevelopment of the



Dave Stephenson

former Fred Bear Archery property.

"We're going to take that to the community and they're going to be involved in the decision," Stephenson said.

1071st Maintenance Co prepares for mission

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to Grayling, but stuff is broke and it has to be fixed somehow," said Mst. Sgt. Dale Papendick for the 1071st Maintenance Company. "It's kind of scary stepping into a war zone, but it's what we're trained for. I think we'll be all right once we get there, get set up and start rock and rolling."

Platoon Sgt. Eddie Coe of the 1071st Maintenance Company said it was only a matter of time before the unit was activated, and he is ready to go serve the country.

"This is just kind of expected when things go haywire," Coe said. "The thing that makes me nervous is that my people are taken care of while they are there and that everybody comes home safe."

Chief Warrant Officer Bruce Dale said he has the unique perspective being deployed because he has three relatives in the unit.

"Nobody wants to go, but they called, so we'll go and we'll make the best of it," Dale said.

The deployment will mean more work for less people and long hours at MATES, but should not have an impact on the National Guard's annual training this summer.

"Considering everybody has gone to war, our customer work load is going to be relatively light," said Maj. Chris Golnick, the superintendent at MATES. "Most of these people I know personally, so I hate to see that part of it."

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said Kathleen Ryan, a coordinator for the Huron Pines Resource and Conservation District.

Opportunities which have been identified by planners include attracting funds for Camp Grayling to establish the military base as a Homeland Security site and for planned expansion at Mercy Hospital. Infrastructure needs which will be highlighted by officials in the plan include developing the two industrial parks in the county, giving the downtown area a facelift, building a full interchange off of I-75 and expanding and maintaining the county trail system.

Lew McCreery, economic action program coordinator for the U.S. Forest Service, said the forest service only has a \$2 million pot of money in 2005 to assist communities with projects. Economic initiatives, however, can be marketed to other federal agencies once plans are completed.

"In cases where there are opportunities that are related to a renewable natural resource, we

would be able to provide seed funds," said Kathleen Ryan, a coordinator for the Huron Pines Resource and Conservation District.

Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, said he hopes officials can keep the momentum of Crawford County Economic Development Partnership Grayling Downtown Development Authority moving through the action plan.

"As a community we are planned out and now it's time for action," Zigila said.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and president of AJD Forest Products, said the potential of moving the county building and expanding downtown also feeds into economic development plans.

"There has been some very good planning sessions and now we're getting to the point where we have to stop planning and start doing something and maybe this will get us to that point," Stephenson said.

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Limited bussing keeps schools open Monday

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable students nearly had another snow day Monday, January 3rd, their first day back from winter break, due to roads that were as treacherous as transportation director Bob Vollmer could remember.

"I get out on the roads at 2:30 to 3:00 a.m. I'd never encountered roads that slippery," Vollmer said.

A sheet of ice covered almost every dirt road in the county, along with many of the lesser-traveled paved roads. The vast majority of these roads had not yet been sanded.

"It was a unique situation. The black-top roads were okay, the side roads were not," said Crawford AuSable superintendent Milli Haug.

This unique situation led to the announcement of a unique decision: Crawford AuSable School District would receive limited bus service. It was the first time that a county-wide limited bus service had been announced, as if it were an hour delay or a closing.

"The drivers always have the decision. They can go down a road or not, depending especially

on whether or not they have a place to turn around. In this case it was on a larger scale, and it was announced," Vollmer said.

Buses stopped at road-ends and pre-selected pick-up spots.

"People pretty much got it," Haug said.

Both Vollmer and Haug thought the announcement of limited bus service was a success. Vollmer's drivers said they brought plenty of kids. Haug said attendance was better than other bad weather days when limited bus service was employed but not announced.

Students who couldn't make it to school were given an excused absence, provided they had parent permission.

"Our goal is to get the kids to school safely. We felt like this worked, given the conditions," Haug said.

Haug also said that Crawford AuSable Schools rarely call for delays, because it puts kids on the roads at times when people aren't used to seeing them.

Vollmer said that they are always looking down the road at what the administration can do to get kids to school safely.

"Whenever you make a call based on the weather, some peo-



Photo by Josh Greenberg

Monday's ice led to limited bus service for Crawford AuSable students.

ple are going to agree, and some aren't," Haug said.

By the time the final bell rang

on Monday, the roads had been sanded and there was full bus service to take students home.



Photo by Josh Greenberg

Hanson Hills expects around a 100 students from the 3rd and 4th grades to participate in their after school free ski lessons.

Students ready to ski free at Hanson Hills

Program begins
January 13

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

Free ski lessons will once again be offered to Grayling Elementary 3rd and 4th graders at Hanson Hills.

The after school program takes place on Thursdays and Fridays

from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. and goes for five weeks.

"It's been a very popular program in the past. We usually have a 100 kids...we expect that many again this year," said Hanson Hills assistant director Leigh McDougall.

The Crawford AuSable School District provides bus transport to Hanson Hills. Each child attends once a week for a hour and half

session with Hanson Hills ski instructors. Parents are responsible for giving their kids a ride home.

Free Ski is organized by the Grayling Recreational Authority at Hanson Hills. The Grayling Youth Booster Club sponsors the event, which includes free equipment rental and ski instruction.

The ski slopes remain open to the public during the Free Ski

program.

Luzerne woman killed in car crash

A 61-year-old Luzerne woman was killed Friday following a two-car crash.

Sylvia Ann Steele was traveling eastbound on Chase Bridge Road near M-72 in Grayling Township around 7:45 a.m. Friday when her Plymouth Neon crossed the center lane into the path of a Chevrolet S-10 driven by Paula Taylor, 55, of Curran.

Steele, who worked as a cashier at the Glen's Market in Grayling, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Medical Examiner.

The Jaws of Life were used by the Grayling City/Township

Firefighters to extract Taylor from her pick-up truck. She was then transported to Grayling Mercy Hospital and later to Munson Hospital in Traverse City.

Taylor was listed in fair condition Tuesday.

Crawford Sheriff's Deputies

closed M-72 and traffic was re-routed to M-18 towards Roscommon and to North Down River Road toward Grayling for approximately three and a half hours. Both drivers had been wearing their seatbelts and the airbags in both vehicles had deployed.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

HOW AGING AFFECTS THE FEET

Growing older affects all areas of the body, especially the feet. Knowing what to expect can help seniors prepare and prevent potential health problems. Muscles shrink and lose mass with age, and the number and size of muscle fibers decrease. As a result, muscles respond more slowly with age. Tendons, which attach muscles to bones, lose water content with age. Stiffness is common. Bone absorption and bone formation change over time, so people often lose bone tissue. The bone's mineral content decrease as well, so bones become more fragile. Cartilage, which cushions the area between bones, degenerates with age and can lead to arthritis. Ligaments become less elastic, which contributes to stiffness. Joint motion also becomes more restricted.

The senior foot presents its own special concerns to the podiatrist. But whether feet are brand new or have a few miles on them no one should wait to see if their problems will "just go away." Some conditions definitely won't, most others probably won't, and you certainly don't want to be left with more serious, harder to fix problems later on. Feet of all ages deserve the comprehensive, professional attention you'll find at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. For an appointment, please call 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

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In the December 30, 2004 Avalanche, Honors, for Natalie J. Knibbs, the Avalanche inadvertently omitted Bob Chappel of Grayling as her grandfather. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

2005 crystal ball seems cloudier than usual

OUR RESIDENT SWAMI, who for several years has guided the Almanack's annual predictions about politics, world affairs, sports and whatever, wants to retire this time around, but we won't let him.

"Things are too unsettled all over the place to offer anything reasonably accurate about what's going to happen in 2005," swami pleaded. "Please let me off the hook."

"No way," the Big Boss responded. "You must fulfill your long term contract... and help defend our lousy 2004 predictions."

A year ago, we predicted a close win for President Bush over Howard Dean, which was half right. We waffled a bit, admitting that Gov. Dean may fade and that either John Kerry or John Edwards could win the nomination. That was only partly prescient.

We forecast Osama Bin Laden would be found in 2004. He appeared only on tape.

We foresaw another tough year for

Gov. Jennifer Granholm wrestling with the Republican legislature about money, and it was.

We thought affirmative action and abortion limitations would be on the 2004 ballot. Neither was, but affirmative action petitions already are filed for the 2006 election.

We correctly saw Republicans winning the state house again, and all Michigan congressmen as winners (and so were 98 percent of congressional incumbents across the country). As predicted, U.S. Rep. Joe Schwarz won the only open seat.

In sports, we were really off base, picking the Chicago Cubs to win the world series, Red Wings to win the Stanley Cup, and the Lions to improve. Wrong, wrong, wrong.

We predicted the improved Detroit Tigers to lose at least half their games (right), University of Michigan to dominate Big Ten football (right), and Michigan State to win more football games than they lost (wrong).

We predicted Britney Spears would marry (right twice, sort of), and Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez would not (right).

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AS FOR 2005, as the reluctant swami claims, predictions are more difficult. America's problems seem broader and more serious this year, and deserve serious discussion, rather than whimsical prediction. The same goes for much of the rest of the world.

But tradition is tradition, so here goes for 2005.

President Bush will push hard to permit individuals to invest social security funds, but it won't pass. Mr. Bush also will face severe recalcitrance for most of his judicial appointments, but any nominee to the Supreme Court will have relatively easy sledding.

U.S. troops will remain in Iraq, regardless of how the January election comes out. Insurgent violence will continue in Iraq but abate a bit as the year wears on.

Defense Secretary Rumsfeld will leave the cabinet this year. MSU's Peter McPherson will wind up with a top Washington job, possibly in the Bush cabinet.

The Democratic Party will undergo long and solemn soul searching, seeking ways to attract more middle of the road support. Abortion will top the party's list of concerns.

In Michigan, Gov. Granholm and the Republican legislature will continue to patch and cut to balance budgets, avoiding any semblance of meaningful higher taxes. Open squabbling between the governor's office and the legislature will heighten.

By year's end, Republican candidate hopefuls for 2006 will open fire against Democrats Gov. Granholm and Sen. Stabenow, as their perceived vulnerability increases.

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NOW FOR THE toy departments:

In an all-New York world series, the Yankees will beat the Mets.

Indianapolis Colts will win the 2005 Super Bowl.

University of Michigan again will dominate Big Ten football, MSU will dominate Big Ten basketball and the Spartans will make it at least to the NCAA Final Four.

The Detroit Tigers finally will win as many games as they lose. So will the Detroit Lions. The Red Wings and the National Hockey League will miss the entire season.

Newly available Brad Pitt will become the king of the tabloids, and be linked with six or eight different women during 2005. Newly available Jennifer Aniston also will be a hot gossip item; she won't grab as much ink as Brad, but more than Ben Affleck.

That's it for this time around. If we don't do better than last year, maybe we'll let the swami quit.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

By Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Better Business Bureau reminds citizens beware phony charitable appeals

It is as regular as clockwork. Within days of any large-scale tragedy, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and your local sheriff hear reports of people who want to take advantage of American's eagerness to provide relief to the victims.

While contributions to helpful causes are strongly encouraged, donors should make certain the charity is properly registered with appropriate state government agencies, that it describes exactly what it will do to address the needs of victims, and that it is willing to provide written information about its finances and programs.

In addition to checking with the Better Business Bureau, donors should consider the following tips when giving in the wake of a tragedy or disaster:

Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion, but short on facts describing what the charity will do to address the needs of victims and their families.

If you contribute, do not give cash. Make a check or money order out to the name of the

charitable organization, not to the individual collecting the donation.

If you decide to contribute online, find out more about the charity before making a contribution and be aware of red flags. For example, some charities imitate the name and style of a well-known organization in order to confuse people. Also, when clicking on the link to "donate," look at the organization's URL in the browser window. Exercise caution if the domain name is hidden, is not familiar to you, or is not the same as the one stated in the text of the link.

Watch out for excessive pressure for on-the-spot donations. Be wary of any request to send a "runner" to pick up your contribution.

Do not give your credit card number or other personal information to a telephone solicitor or in response to an email solicitation. Ask the caller or sender to provide you with written information on the charity's programs and finances.

Do not hesitate to ask for writ-

ten information that describes the charity's program(s) and finances such as the charity's latest annual report and financial statements. Even newly created organizations should have some basic information available.

Be wary of charities that are reluctant to answer reasonable questions about their operations, finances and programs. Ask how much of the gift will be used for the activity mentioned in the appeal and how much will go toward other programs and administrative and fundraising costs.

See if the charity's appeal explains what the charity intends to do with any excess contributions remaining after they have fully funded the disaster relief activities mentioned in solicitations.

You can obtain further advice on giving, as well as access reports on national charities, by visiting www.give.org the web site of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, the national charity watchdog affiliated with the Better Business Bureau system. Reports on local charities are available through your local BBB office <http://lookup.bbb.org/>

If you believe you have been the victim of a questionable charitable appeal, report the crime to your local police or Sheriff's office immediately.

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Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

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Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

EDITOR

Reader objects to boathouse article

To the editor:

As property owners with a long history on the AuSable, we have always and will always abide by the laws of the community. As such we object to the many erroneous statements that were quoted concerning our newly constructed boathouse which appeared in the *Avalanche* December 30, 2004 issue. The article was inflammatory and misrepresented the facts and included inaccuracies quoted from some whom we consider our friends on the AuSable.

The process of restoring the boathouse was extended over the course of two years, held up by the board of zoning appeals process. At the end of that unpleasant process, after being rejected by the board, we discovered that, indeed, the boathouse was not even in the jurisdiction of the township as it is and always has been in and over the water. We learned that the only

permits needed were a building permit from the township and a permit from the DEQ. No construction was undertaken until that fact was confirmed, not once but twice by township administrator Terry Wright with the consultation of the township attorney.

The DEQ permit was properly requested two years ago and extended to December 2005 to accommodate the hold ups. The appropriate building permit was requested by the builder and granted by the township. Subsequent to completing the building project, all inspections have approved the building which indeed restored the boathouse to its original condition, including the use of natural cedar siding and a carlan roof. The boathouse sits on new pilings that are on the original footprint of the 95-year old original boathouse.

The rumblings in your article

that suggested we had somehow proceeded illegally with this project are outrageous, and we stand by our thorough attention to due process resulting in a beautifully restored building in an appropriate place on the river. That boathouse has great historical significance as a part of the original Camp Shoppenagon. In every aspect of our renovation of the Camp we have not proceeded without the proper permits. We have always and will always be committed to preserving the AuSable.

If there is an issue moving forward that needs to be addressed, about altering zoning ordinances for future proposed projects, that is for the township trustees to decide. But to suggest that there was any impropriety on our part and to suggest that reversing what has already legally been accomplished, is absurd.

Barbara McKelvy Reed
Perrysburg, Ohio

Watch out for children while driving

To the editor:

Do you remember what the weather was Thursday, January 6th? I do, I was out in it trying to cross your children safely. I was shocked to see how people drive.

I am the crossing guard at the elementary school. As I am

standing in the road with a stop sign, several cars coming fast went right by without stopping. A couple people shouted, I couldn't stop in time. I wonder what they would have done if a child was there!

Two cars pulled out of the

school drive going so fast they almost spun completely around. These are parents not teenagers.

Please watch out for the children and I!

Sally McPherson
Grayling

Jacob ruling was invoked on Lake Margrethe

To the editor:

I'm writing to correct something I stated in my last letter.

There was a court ruling on road-ends off of McIntyres Landing on Lake Margrethe that did invoke the Jacob's ruling.

The ruling was used because

there was a law suit between parties on that side of the lake. Unfortunately this is another proof to me that we as neighbors need to get together and reach a common ground on what to do with access around Lake Margrethe.

This may involve getting the township to draft an ordinance that would allow use of township road-ends by "back lotters."

Timothy Gignac
Royal Oak/Grayling

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters

should be submitted on 8 1/2 x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in

advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Kiwanis celebrates 70th anniversary

All present and past Kiwanis members and spouses are invited to help the club celebrate its 70th year of its charter night in Grayling. A dinner will be held at The Ole Barn on Tuesday evening, January 18, with social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner choices are steak, shrimp, chicken or salad bar. Call Kay Cosgray at 348-7995 or Bob and Fay Bovee at 989-348-7017 for more information and to make reservations. Guests and spouses are invited.

GHS Class of 1975 to plan 30th reunion

Grayling High School Class of 1975 will be planning their 30th class reunion for July 23, 2005. The first meeting will be held at the Ole Barn, M-72 West, on Wednesday, January 26, 7 p.m. All those willing to help should attend. For more information call JoAnn Michal at 348-6592, days, or Sandy Moore at 348-2154, evenings.

Rep. Gillard announces local office hours

State Representative Matt Gillard will be holding office hours in Crawford County on Monday, January 17, 2005. Rep. Gillard will be at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Area residents are encouraged to discuss questions and concerns they have about state government with Rep. Gillard during these informal office hours. For further information, please call toll-free 1-866-MATT-106.

GHS Viking Band Booster meeting cancelled

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Grayling High School Viking Band Boosters regularly scheduled meeting for January 13, 2005 will be cancelled. If you have any questions please contact Shirley Currison at 348-1348 or Matt Bishop at 344-3574 and leave a message.

Grayling Eagles change meeting

Grayling Eagles #3465 has changed its meeting date from Monday, January 17 to Saturday, January 15, at 2 p.m. New member initiation, everyone is encouraged to attend.

TRIAD group to form in Crawford County

The Crawford County Commission on Aging in conjunction with the Crawford County Sheriff's office, the City of Grayling Police Department and the local emergency management team are interested in supporting the development and implementation of a TRIAD (crime prevention and educational programs for older community members) group in Crawford County. An initial meeting for a TRIAD group in Crawford County will be held on Thursday, January 13, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling. For more information or transportation contact Alice Snyder at 989-348-7123.

Low cost spay and neutering available

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie. The shelter is now taking applications. Call 348-4117 or 348-9178.

Hartwick Pines State Park offers lantern-light skiing

Hartwick Pines State Park, six miles northeast of Grayling, will be hosting three nights of cross country skiing by lantern light on January 22 and February 5 and 19.

More than 75 kerosene lanterns will be lit from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. along a groomed ski loop that begins and ends at the parking lot of the Michigan Forest Visitor Center. The loop is approximately 1.75 miles in length, and skiers may go around as many times as they wish while the trail is lit; then everyone is welcome to enjoy some hot beverages and snacks in the warming room at the visitor center. Please call the park at 989-

348-2537 to check trail conditions before attending this event.

There is no charge for the night skiing; however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. The \$6 daily or \$24 annual resident permits are available at the park.

In addition to these special nights of skiing, the park offers more than 15 miles of groomed cross country ski trails for day visitors. The warming room is open during normal building hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Other events at Hartwick Pines this winter include guided snowshoe hikes on select Saturdays in January and February.

State offices to close for January and February holidays

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced today that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of state holidays during January and February. The offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 17 and Presidents Day on Monday, February 21.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when the state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office by renewing by

mail, or if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

Branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller branch offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesday's most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, with SUPER!Centers also providing Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos

Chamber Awards Night to be held at Business After Hours

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Awards Night in conjunction with the January Business After Hours. This event will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, at the Holiday Inn.

The sponsor for the event is Citizens Bank.

The awards to be given out that evening are the 2004 Citizen of the Year, the 2004 Silver Lining Award, and the ATHENA Award (sponsored by Scheer Motors).

The 2003 recipients of these awards were: Therese Kaiser, 2003 Citizen of the Year; Linda Golinick, 2003 ATHENA Award; and E-Z Built Homes, 2003 Silver Lining Award.

"Come join us and the rest of your community as we celebrate the shining stars of 2004," chamber officials said. "Mark your calendar now. You won't want to miss this!"

Admission is \$5.

Please R.S.V.P. to the Chamber at 348-2921 no later than 5 p.m. January 18, 2005.

County farmers eligible for emergency loans

Rep Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, announced last week that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated 31 counties in Michigan's First Congressional District as either primary or contiguous natural disaster areas as a result of severe weather.

The designation means that qualifying farmers in the affected areas will be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Each loan application will be considered individually, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Affected farmers can get more information on how to apply for emergency assistance loans from local FSA offices.

"The USDA has rightly recognized that severe weather has a serious impact on northern Michigan agriculture over the last year," Stupak said. "These disaster designations will allow farmers to get the assistance they need."

The disaster designations were triggered by a request from a disaster designation by the State of Michigan. Damage

assessment reports showed that farms in the primary natural disaster area counties sustained significant production losses as a result of extreme weather conditions and are eligible for assistance.

Crawford County was one of 30 counties included in a primary natural disaster area due to excessive rain, hail, high winds and flooding from severe weather which occurred on April 25, 2004.

Crawford County was among five counties named as a contiguous natural disaster area due to drought conditions which lasted from July 1, 2004 to August 17, 2004.

Finally, Crawford County was one of seven counties included in a contiguous natural disaster area due to early freezes which occurred from August 19, 2004 to October 8, 2004.

Kirtland to host meeting on radiography program

Anyone interested in a career in radiography can learn more about the field during an informational meeting being hosted Thursday, February 10, at 11 a.m., in room 208 of the Instructional Center on the Kirtland Community College campus.

The radiography curriculum is a collaborative program offered by Kirtland and Mid Michigan Community College. It is designed to prepare graduates to function as members of a health team in hospitals, clinics, governmental and military installations, industry and public health.

John Skinner, program director for the radiography program at Mid Michigan Community College, will be at Kirtland to offer information about the program. No appointments are necessary, but questions may be directed to Anne Essmaker at 989-275-5000, Ext. 372 or Don Dyer at Ext. 231.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for January 9 - of \$25 each: Jack Campbell, Kevin and Wendy Fleming, Betty Mead, and Steve Brinks.

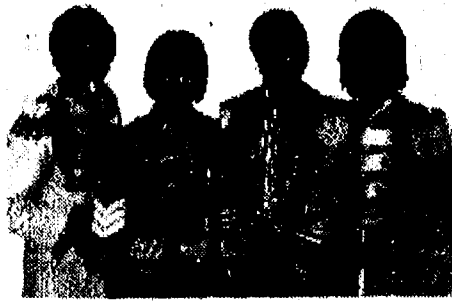
Grayling Lions Club

The Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle winner of \$100 for week one is Ramona Carter of Fairview.

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We extend a special thanks to the individuals, businesses and associations listed below for their financial support to the Camp Grayling Family Emergency Services Group Fund. Special recognition is given to Keith Miles and Sandy Coe of Fay's Motel for coordinating this effort. Thank you from Camp Grayling National Guard soldiers and their families.

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The Bible Speaks

Weather Warnings

Changing global temperatures was one of the big stories nearly a third of a century ago when we first started our ministry in Grayling. Back then they were warning us about global cooling as reported in the April 28, 1975 edition of Newsweek. The article was entitled, "The Cooling World." The first sentence stated, "There are ominous signs that the Earth's weather patterns have begun to change dramatically and that these changes may portend a drastic decline in food production with serious political implications for just about every nation on Earth."

They quoted their experts: "A survey completed last year by Dr. Murray Mitchell of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reveals a drop of half a degree in average ground temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere between 1945 and 1968. According to George Kukla of Columbia University, satellite photos indicated a sudden, large increase in Northern Hemisphere snow cover in the winter of 1971-72. And a study released last month by two NOAA scientists notes that the amount of sunshine reaching the ground in

the continental U.S. diminished by 1.3% between 1964 and 1972."

Radical weather changes were being blamed on global cooling back then, "an increase in extremes of local weather such as droughts, floods, extended dry spells, long freezes, delayed monsoons and even local temperature increases" were all blamed on global cooling. And back then political leaders were being blamed for doing nothing to stop global cooling. "Climatologists are pessimistic that political leaders will take any positive action to compensate for the climatic change, or even to allay its effects." The article concluded, "The longer the planners delay, the more difficult they will find it to cope with climatic change once the results become grim reality."

Yet, without doing anything to prevent global cooling, the earth has supposedly been plunged into global warming which is going to destroy a quarter of all species of plants and animals by 2050 according to one international study. Chris Thomas, professor of Conservation Biology at England's University of Leeds said that emissions from cars and factories could push temperatures up to levels not seen for one

million to 30 million years by the end of the century, threatening many habitats. The United Nations said the report "showed a need for the world to back the Kyoto protocol, meant to brake rising temperatures linked to human pollution."

Although environmentalists have reversed their position 180 degrees from global cooling to global warming, they remain sure that the real cause of whichever problem we face is the excessive growth of free enterprise or capitalism. Their solution is global government control, taxes, and wealth redistribution.

God promised in Genesis 8:22: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Will you believe and trust the God who has blessed you in America with life, liberty and property, or the changing plans of global government leaders to make your life miserable, limit your liberty, and redistribute your property? Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and the opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Michigan author to help conservancy

Milford, Michigan author and wildlife photographer Carl Sams grew up on an island near the mouth of the AuSable River in northern Michigan and spent much of his time playing sports, hunting, and fishing. Carl's wife, Jean Stoick, was raised on a farm in Michigan's thumb near Vassar. Both have a passion for wildlife and dedicate their books and movies to "those who protect wildlife and wild places."

Carl and Jean photographed and wrote the New York Times #1 best-selling holiday classic "Stranger in the Woods." Their new book, "Lost in the Woods," is on bookstands now and weaves a tale about a newborn fawn and the woodland creatures that believe the young deer is lost.

The couple sponsored a full-page advertisement in December's Traverse Magazine featuring "Lost in the Woods" as a membership incentive to help

northern Michigan's Headwaters Land Conservancy attract new supporters. Milford resident Kirt Manecke is Director of Development and Marketing for the Conservancy, a non-profit organization helping private landowners, many who reside in southeast Michigan, permanently preserve their northern Michigan property.

"We are very grateful to Carl and Jean for helping us reach a broader audience," Manecke said.

"Growing up in the woods of northern Michigan shaped my life," Carl said. "I'm glad that Lost in the Woods can be part of protecting these special places for future generations to enjoy."

The couple's books and a "Stranger in the Woods" movie are used extensively in elementary schools to teach about nature. Headwaters Land Conservancy is offering Carl

Sams' books and merchandise for sale through their office at 989-731-0573 with proceeds supporting their land protection efforts.

Based in Gaylord, Headwaters Land Conservancy is a private, non-profit land conservancy established in 1993 to protect land in the eleven-county region of northeast Lower Michigan. These counties include Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Crawford, Roscommon, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle County. Over 3,507 acres are protected to date, with another 1,500 acres in process.

For more information, please call (989) 731-0573, e-mail headwaters@gtlakes.com or visit www.headwatersconservancy.org.

For more detailed information on Carl R. Sams II Photography, Inc. and "Lost in the Woods," visit www.carlsams.com.

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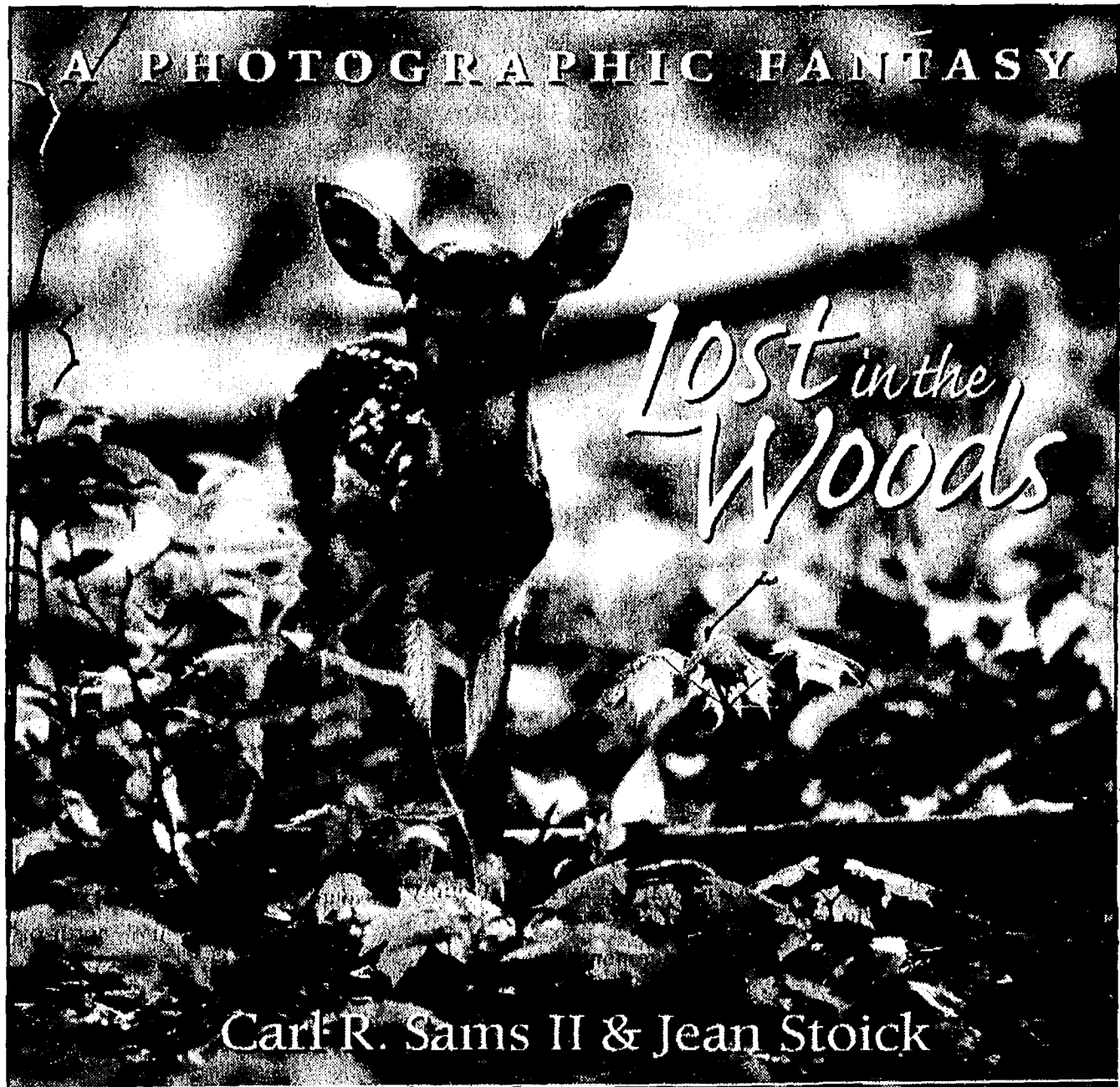
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"Lost in the Woods," by Michigan authors Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick, is on bookstands now.

87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for December 2004

Hon. John G. Hunter

Michael Ray Johns, age 27 of Mt. Pleasant - Operating while intoxicated; sentenced to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,355 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Brandon Lee Cox, age 21 of Grayling - Speeding-careless driving; ordered to pay \$185 in fines.

Nicholas Gabriel Hurd, age 20 of Grayling - Speeding-careless driving and no valid license in possession; ordered to pay \$873 in fines.

Cody Frost, age 18 of Grayling - Assault/assault and battery; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

Randy Lee Jewell, age 38 of Lake - Controlled substance-use of marijuana; ordered pay \$955 in fines or serve 95 days in jail.

Dennis Allen Otoole, age 57 of Frederic - Operating while intoxicated; ordered to pay \$1,355 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Karen Renee Frazier, age 48 of Farmington Hills - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 45 days in jail.

Jason Gregg Carter, age 22 of Oxford - Operate ORV on highway right of way and ORV/fail to obey signal or requirement to stop; ordered to pay \$345 in fines or serve 34 days in jail.

Andrea Marie Kolka, age 22 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$885 in fines or serve 85 days in jail.

Timothy Michael Addison, age 35 of Lincoln Park - Drove suspended-second-offense; ordered to pay \$405 in fines or serve 40 days in jail.

Donald James Yelinek, age 59 of Grayling - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$445 in fines.

Ronnie Lee Denno, age 38 of Roscommon - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$795 in fines or serve 79 days in jail.

Brad Harold Hannevald, age 27 of Stockbridge - Firearm-safety inspection violation; ordered to pay \$270 in fines.

Erica Nicole Breece, age 19 of Gladwin - No proof insurance; ordered to pay \$145 in fines or serve 14 days in jail.

Elvis Chad Johnson, age 24 of Bowling Green - Operate while visibly impaired; ordered to pay \$855 in fines or serve 85 days in jail.

Penny Lynn Grice-Stephan,

age 53 of Grayling - Retail fraud third-degree; ordered to pay \$305 in fines or serve 30 days in jail.

Brett Anthony Mead, age 20 of Harrison - Wildlife conservation-use artificial light/weapon accessible; ordered to pay \$270 in fines or serve 27 days in jail.

Caleb Dee Mead, age 19 of Grayling - Wildlife conservation-use artificial light/weapon accessible; ordered to pay \$270 in fines or serve 27 days in jail.

Jeffrey William Titus, age 48 of South Lyon - Operate while visibly intoxicated; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail.

Roxanne Renee Ende, age 48 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked allowed suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$215 in fines.

James Allen Wakeley, age 20 of Grayling - Person under 21-purchase/consume-possess liquor; ordered to pay \$810 in fines or serve 81 days in jail; placed on probation for 183 days.

Thomas Ray Woodman, age 24 of Grayling - Wildlife conservation-use artificial light/weapon accessible; ordered to pay \$270 in fines or serve 27 days in jail.

Raymond James Nichols, age 18 of Grayling - Person under 21 transport/possession in a motor vehicle and drove while license suspended; ordered to pay \$365 in fines or serve 36 days in jail.

Rodney Scott Werle, age 35 of Arcadia - License suspended/revoked allowed suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$265 in fines.

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Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michigan Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Robert Schenck
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Website: www.mumc.org
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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 11 am
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)
Bible Study (Wed) 10:30 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
Camp AuSable off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovell Community Chapel
(non-denominational)
Pastor Larry Rankins
Associate Pastor Tom Farnce
8122 East Hill Rd. • Lovell
989-548-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Rick Seccord - Pastor
6632 (M-72 W) • 348-9093

Sunday Service 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:30 am
Bible Study (Wednesday) 7 pm

Evangelical United Church of Christ
4474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Harrison Baptist
Pastor Brian Wagner 348-1411
1541 Harrison Park Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor Gary Wagner
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Phone 348-7466

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Sunday Night Adult-Youth Church (Wed) 7 pm

The Church of Christ
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Sunday Worship 10 am

United Methodist Church
(West of AuSable River)
Pastor Jeff Arthur
348-2974

Sunday School 10:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

West End Church of Christ
Pastor Bob Thompson

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Sunday Night Adult-Youth Church (Wed) 7 pm

A Decision for GOD

The Church of Jesus Christ in Latter Day Saints

President David Page
600 North Elm Street, Grayling

Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patrick Petrie, 348-1278
201 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Youth Group (via transportation available)

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
348-5224

Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephens
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glen Rd. • 348-9751

Church School 9:45 am
Prayer 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor W. Nalley, J.V. Pastor
700-706 Passmore • 348-7657

Sunday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Mass 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Sunday Mass 12:00 pm
Daily Mass 7:00 am
Prayer & Praise 7:30 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend Elizabeth Chubb
41-72 West • 348-5830

Morning Prayer Two • 8:30 am
Morning Prayer One • 9:15 am
Sunday Eucharist 9:30 & 10:30 am

Reverend Life Tabernacle
Pastor Bob & Debbie Smith
348-7654

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 7 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
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Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Steiner
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Jerry Coffey
705 Madison St. • Grayling • 348-2551

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bea Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bea Lake Rd.
348-5325

Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

Lutheran Church
Pastor James Durbin
2247 Dorset Lane

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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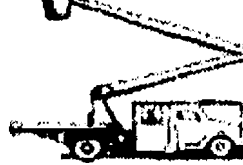
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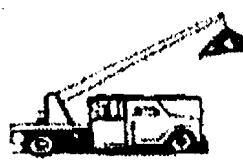
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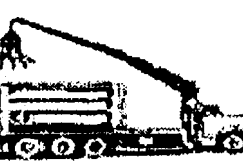
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Cormorants becoming local issue

Fish-eating fowl to be discussed in Denton Township Hall

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

Double-crested cormorants have been described as "flying piranhas", and the impact of these birds on some Michigan fisheries has been devastating, particularly in the Cedarville area of the Upper Peninsula. Now, some are worried that increasing numbers of cormorants in and around Crawford County could affect local fisheries.

Houghton Lake resident Larry Meier, a retired school administrator, has been outspoken in his attempts to increase awareness of Michigan's cormorant problem. He reports in Michigan's Hooks and Bullets Magazine that the DNR in the Cedarville area showed that it takes five man-hours to catch one perch in what used to be known as the Perch Capital of the State. Meier, who first fished the Cedarville area in 1941, has watched his local fishing hole be destroyed by the large greenish-black birds. By teaming up with local fishers in the area, he called for change.

Now he's focusing his sights on Roscommon and Crawford Counties.

Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist Steve Sendek said the threat of widespread destruction to Crawford County fisheries by cormorants is, at this time, minimal.

"But of course I am concerned about them...especially if they become more and more common," Sendek said.

Sendek also said that if the cormorants exhaust the forage base of the Great Lakes they may fly inland. As predators, they are not afraid to move in search of prey. This, says Meier, is exactly what is happening:

"Cormorants are eating their way through the Great Lakes and now into inland lakes and streams...the flock in Lake Margrethe will get bigger, and bigger. They will take larger fish from the AuSable."

Though there have been numerous reports of cormorants on local lakes and rivers -- including the AuSable and Manistee -- no accurate survey has yet been conducted in Crawford. Joe Porter, president of the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association, said he's actually seen less birds on the lake this year than he did three years ago.

"They can be a terrible nuisance. Some people think they're endangered and some people think they're a problem. If they really took hold on our lake we'd be upset," Porter said.

Meier said large numbers of cormorants are closer to Crawford than many think, and that neighboring Roscommon County has over 600 cormorants. He added that during winter, the migratory cormorant is creating havoc on catfish farms in the southern states.

One factor which complicates the cormorant issue is the bird's history: the double-crested cormorant is a federally protected bird that was once endangered by poor fish stocks and pollution. As fish stocks became healthier, the numbers of cormorants exploded.

In November of 1999 the regulatory Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) began an Environmental Impact Statement for the cormorant. Four years later, no specific conclusion had been reached. However, soon thereafter new regulations allowed the culling of cormorants by state agencies, providing the agency had permission to do so.

Meier and other Cedarville fishers spearheaded a movement insisting the government help reduce numbers of cormorants. Senator Debbie Stabenow and Representatives Dave Camp and Bart Stupak, along with Rep. Marcy Kaptur of Ohio, were able to secure \$125,000.

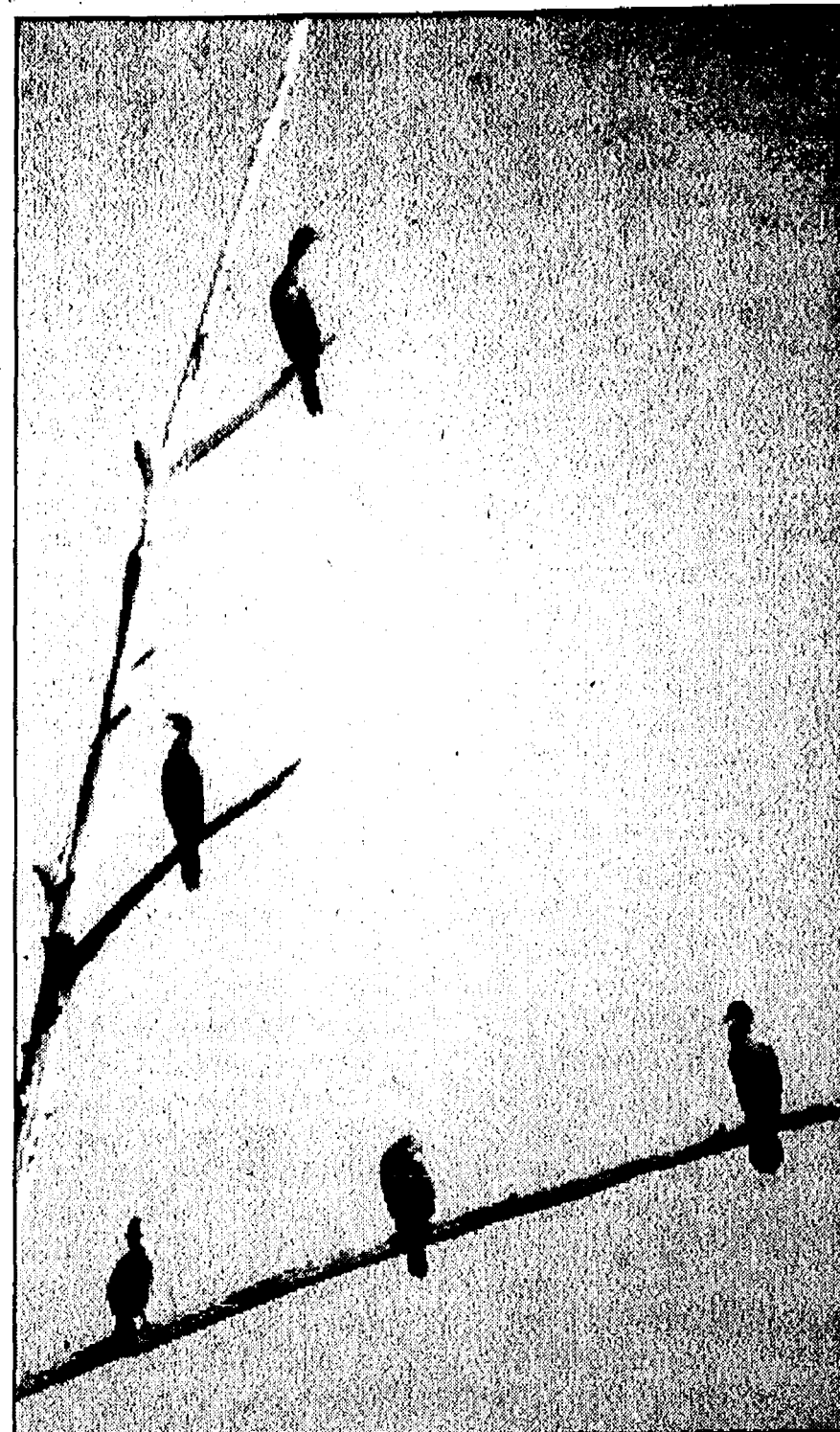


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A group of double-crested cormorants rest between meals.

Enter Pete Butchko, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Their job: to decrease numbers of cormorants in the Cedarville area.

"We [the USDA] are not a regulatory agency. We provide assistance in situations where wild animals cause problems, and not just in agriculture," Butchko said.

Meier hopes local fishers in Roscommon and Crawford will come together and demand enough funding to allow Butchko's program to go statewide.

Butchko and his staff have significantly decreased the numbers of cormorants in the Cedarville area by oiling the eggs (breaking the eggs means the cormorants just have more) and by destroying the birds themselves.

"We got started with cor-

morant control in 2004. There was a change in policy and Congress gave us money. We were the first to start such a program," Butchko said.

Butchko could not speak for the Crawford County area, but he acknowledged that there was a problem in Roscommon county, and more funds would be needed to address it. Meier said his goal is to rally local fishers to come together and fix the problem before it explodes like it did in Cedarville.

Both Butchko and Meier will be speaking and taking questions at the Denton Township Hall in Prudenville, 2985 Marquart Rd, on January 18 at 7 p.m.. They will be discussing the general cormorant problem in Michigan, along with specific local concerns in and around the Roscommon area.

New procedure for breast cancer

Mercy Hospital Grayling is now offering a procedure that allows breast cancer patients to avoid many of the complications and side effects associated with removal of lymph nodes (Axillary Dissection).

In the treatment of breast cancer, lymph nodes from the armpit are usually removed to determine whether the cancer has spread. This procedure has recently been modified, so that only a few lymph nodes are sampled rather

than removing several of them. This modified procedure, known as a Sentinel Node Biopsy, not only increases the accuracy of the diagnosis, but also decreases the risks of potential complications of removing several nodes from the armpit. Sentinel node biopsy is an emerging standard in breast cancer treatment.

"We're very glad to be able to offer this surgery at Mercy Hospital Grayling," said Surgical Services Director Kathy Young. "It's important that our patients can now receive this care right here in Grayling and they don't have to leave their community."

The administrative leadership at Mercy Hospital Grayling, in its commitment to quality patient care, has invested in this new technology. A new piece of equipment known as the "Neoprobe" was purchased a few months ago to provide the sentinel node biopsy procedure for breast cancer patients at Mercy Hospital Grayling. General Surgeon K. Ramaswamy, M.D., offers this procedure at the hospital.

Sentinel node biopsy involves injecting a radioactive tracer material in the breast, by a Radiologist. In the operating room, the "Neoprobe" detects the lymph nodes by noting specific sound signals in the armpit. The lymph nodes to be removed are accurately targeted and a more extensive operation with potential complications is avoided.

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Little Caesars changes location

Albie's pasties still on the menu

by Josh Greenberg
Staff Writer

Little Caesars Pizza moved recently to form a partnership of sorts with what was formerly Albie's Restaurant on M-72.

Instead of being solely a pizza place, the new Little Caesars will also offer Albie's pasties.

"We're going to start selling the pasties within a week or two," said the owner of the Grayling Little Caesars, Bob Rooyakker.

Rooyakker, who owns Little Caesars restaurants "throughout the top of the mitten", bought the Grayling Little Caesars two years ago.

When he heard that Regan Quaal, former owner of Albie's Restaurant, wanted out of the

business, Rooyakker didn't hesitate.

"It's a much better building for us. We have a drive-thru and we're in the center of a residential community. Without local clientele, business is very difficult," Rooyakker said.

A new 'hot and ready' menu means that pizza, pasties, crazy-bread and other items will be available from the drive-thru.



Little Caesars manager Tom McCord stands outside the new restaurant on M-72.

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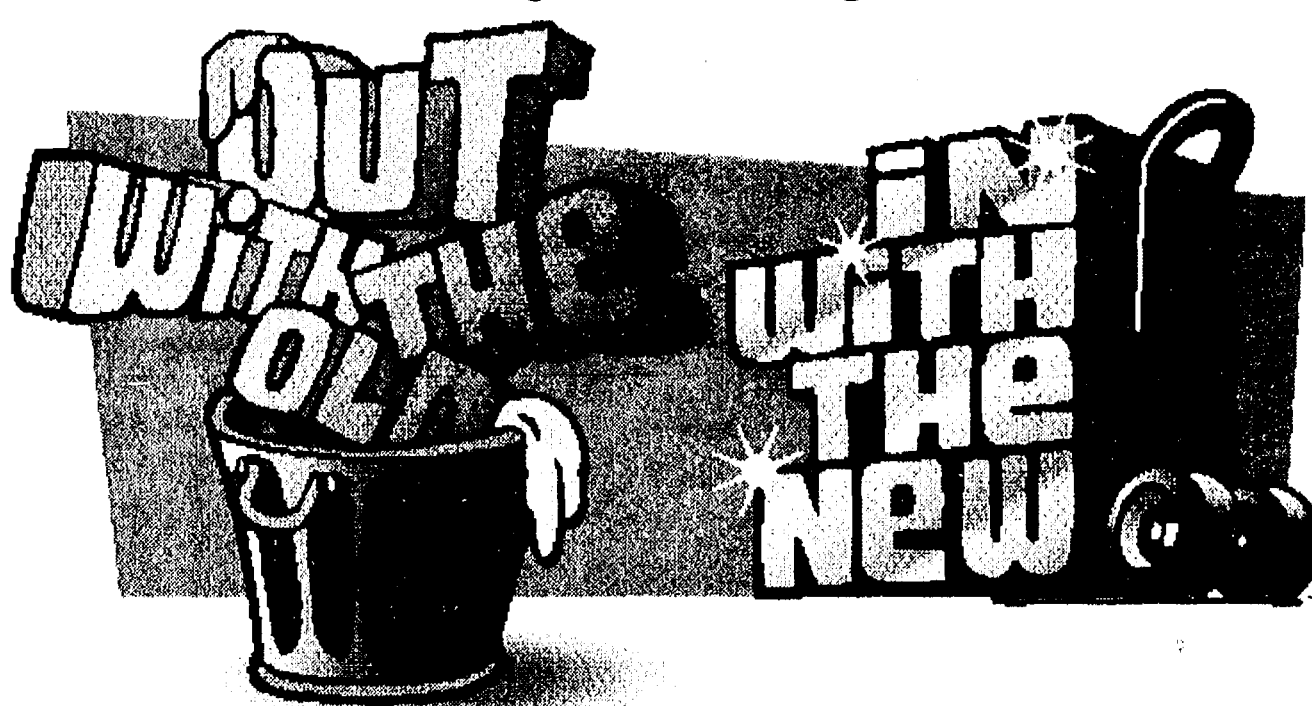
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Bovine TB strain confirmed in Michigan hunter

Hunters reminded to wear gloves when cleaning game

State and local health officials today have confirmed a strain of bovine Tuberculosis (TB) in a hunter who was injured while field dressing a white-tailed deer.

The deer, taken from Alcona County in October 2004, had physical signs of bovine TB in its chest, said Dianna Schaefer, Public Health Officer for District Health Department No. 2. While field dressing the deer, the hunter cut himself on the hand. Upon seeking medical attention, physicians ran tests for bovine TB, which were confirmed last week at the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH)'s laboratory in Lansing.

"This appearance of bovine TB in a human underscores the human health risk of the disease in free-ranging deer," said Janet Olszewski, MDCH Director. "People should not consume wild animals that appear or are confirmed to be sick, regardless of the circumstance."

Dr. Dean Sienko, acting state Chief Medical Executive, said the method of infection was rare, and health officials in Alcona County moved very swiftly to diagnose the disease. The hunter, now on a typical course of antibiotics for treatment of TB, is expected to make a full recovery. The hunter is not infectious, he said.

"This unique occurrence of bovine TB strengthens the message the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has consistently articulated - hunters should take precautions and wear gloves when field dressing deer, washing their hands afterwards," said DNR Director Rebecca Humphries.

Since 1996, information to help hunters identify TB in deer and protect themselves from infection has been published yearly in the DNR Hunting and Trapping Guide. Hunters who harvest deer that have suspicious physical signs continue to be advised to bring the carcass to the nearest DNR field office for examination.

Bovine TB is a serious zoonotic bacterial disease that affects primarily the lungs and sometimes the digestive tract of a variety of animals, including cattle, goats, deer, and elk. It can be passed to humans, but is treatable in humans with a 9-to-12 month regimen of antibiotics.

Bovine TB infection is generally transmitted to humans through consuming unpasteurized milk or milk products obtained from infected cattle.

People also can be infected through the air when in close contact with live animals that have lung infections. This particular hunter's infection resulted from direct contamination of a wound, Sienko said.

Sienko also urged individuals that think they may have been exposed to bovine TB, either through harvesting a confirmed TB-infected deer or through deer or through the confirmation of a TB-positive livestock operation, to request a tuberculosis skin test (TST) from their primary health-care provider.

Some people develop active TB soon after becoming infected, before their immune system can fight the TB bacteria, Sienko said. Other people may get sick later, when their immune system becomes weak for some other reason. Latent TB infection is a condition in which TB bacteria

are alive but inactive in the body.

People with latent TB infection have no symptoms, do not feel sick and cannot spread TB to others, but they usually have a positive skin test reaction and may develop TB disease or infectious TB later in life if they do not receive treatment. However, more than 90 percent of people with latent TB never develop active TB.

Originally introduced by infected cattle, bovine TB is not found in a small percentage of northern lower Michigan white-tailed deer and has spilled back into cattle herds in the area. Both the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the DNR inform citizens of the importance of a skin test when they have been exposed to infected animals.

The Michigan Bovine TB Eradication Project is a multi-agency team of experts from MDA, MDCH, DNR, Michigan State University, and the United States Department of Agriculture that work cooperatively to establish policies and enforce regulations to eradicate the disease. For additional information on bovine Tuberculosis in Michigan, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/emerg-ing-diseases>.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Apprentice Michael A. Miller, son of Robin S. and Glenn A. Miller of Roscommon, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Miller is a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School.

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Tips for filing unemployment claims during the peak January period

January is typically one of the busiest months for Michigan's unemployment insurance program as seasonal and retail workers are released from their temporary holiday jobs. As claims for unemployment benefits increase, the state offers tips for those filing unemployment claims.

"We have found that half of those who file claims by telephone will call our phone application line during the first hour of their call-in windows," Sharon Bommarito, director of Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA), pointed out. "Early callers may encounter busy signals when trying to apply for benefits because of heavy call volume. Consequently, we suggest that workers delay calling our telephone claims line until after the first hour in the morning and afternoon."

The agency's toll-free telephone claims line is 1-866-500-0017. The call-in schedule for filing unemployment claims by telephone is based on the last two digits of a worker's Social Security number.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8am-12:30pm	00-15	34-48	67-81	& Friday OPEN
12:30pm-4:30pm	16-33	49-66	82-99	CALL-IN

Bommarito reminded unemployment workers they can call the agency's phone application line anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday or Friday if they miss their normal call-in time. In fact, Friday's have the lightest call volumes and calling later in the week does not delay the processing of the caller's unemployment application.

Tips for filing unemployed claims. Workers should:

- Consider filing online. Unemployed workers can file their unemployment claims online at the agency's website (www.michigan.gov/uia). The site takes claims from 7:00 a.m. Monday through 7:00 p.m. Saturday.
- Know their Social Security number and driver license or state identification number or their MARVIN personal identification number (PIN), if they have one.
- Have the names and addresses of employers they have worked for in the past 18 months along with their quarterly gross earnings and the last date of employment with each employer; and
- Know their alien registration number and their work authorization expiration date, if they are not citizens or nationals of the United States.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for December 2004

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Gerald John Respecki, age 47 of Grayling - Plead guilty on November 4, 2004 to police-fleeing-fourth degree; sentenced on December 14, 2004 to serve 30 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$250 penal fine; placed on probation for 12 months.

Howard Conrad Sartin, age 31 of Grayling - Plead guilty on December 11, 2003 to a probation violation; sentenced on December 28, 2004 to serve 90 days in jail with credit for two days served.

Steven Patrick Griffin, age 36 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on November 1, 2004 to criminal sexual conduct-third degree with person 12-15; sentenced on December 6, 2004 to serve 35 months to 190 months in prison with credit for two days served.

John Masella Jr, age 44 of Grayling - Plead guilty on November 1, 2004 to controlled substance possession of marijuana, OUIL/Per Se, and operator license suspended allowed another person to operate and operator license suspended operate second/subsequent offense; sentenced on December 6, 2004 to serve 30 days in jail with credit for 26 days served; ordered to pay \$135 state minimum costs. \$150

crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$300 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Burton Canfield Jr, age 37 of Grayling - Plead guilty on November 30, 2004 to a probation violation; sentenced on December 9, 2004 to serve 30 days in jail with credit for 10 days served; ordered to pay \$105 state minimum costs, \$110 crime victim rights fee, \$400 circuit court costs and \$200 penal fine.

Douglas James Steffes, age 54 of Frederic - Plead guilty on November 30, 2004 to police radio receiver/possession, domestic violence and weapons possession under the influence; sentenced on December 9, 2004 to serve 26 days in jail with credit for 26 days served; ordered to pay \$145 in state minimum costs, \$150 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 12 months.

James Dale McCredie, age 41 of Grayling - Plead guilty on November 4, 2004 to bond abscond/forfeit; sentenced on December 9, 2004 to serve 150 days in jail; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights, \$300 circuit court costs, \$500 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Michael Eugene Foster, age

25 of Carson City - Plead guilty on October 12, 2004 for prison-possession of contraband; sentenced on December 9, 2004 to serve nine months to 60 months in prison; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee.

Jason Allen Jackson, age 25 of Grand Rapids - Plead guilty on November 4, 2004 to home invasion-first degree; sentenced on December 9, 2004 to three years to 20 years in prison with credit for 166 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs and \$60 crime victim rights fee; ordered to pay restitution for stolen gun.

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	W - R	8am - 3:30 pm	Barrow				
	M - R	6pm - 9:30 pm	Bonkowski				
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ABE/GED	M - T	8:30 am - 11:30 am	Barrow	ABE/GED	MTWR	6 - 9:30 pm	Poff
	M - T	1 - 5 pm	Barrow				
ABE/GED	W - R	8:30 am - 11:30 am	Brunette				
	W - R	1 - 5 pm	Brunette				

Enrichment Classes Winter 2005

Cake Decorating
 Class Starts: February 2, 2005
 Length of Class: 8 weeks
 Day of Class: Wednesday
 Time: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 Place: Grayling Middle School room 114
 Cost: \$60.00 includes an instruction booklet (materials are extra.)
 This eight (8) week course is a continuation of last semester's class. It is for adults who have some experience, but would like to learn new techniques. The instructor has over 40 years experience in the business. She has taught cake decorating throughout the Midwest and has won numerous awards at national cake shows.
 Students are required to have their own equipment, most of which are common household items. This class is taught using a hands on approach. For a complete list of materials needed, contact the community education office at 344-3535 or 344-3534.

Hatha Yoga I
 Class Starts: February 10, 2005
 Length of Class: 8 weeks
 Day of Class: Thursday
 Time: 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Rm
 Cost: \$40.00
 Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford
 Through the principles of breath awareness and deep muscle stretching, strengthening and relaxation, you'll discover tools for greater physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Bring a blanket and mat, wear loose clothing.

Hatha Yoga II
 Class Starts: February 10, 2005
 Length of Class: 8 weeks
 Day of Class: Thursday
 Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Rm
 Cost: \$40.00
 Instructor: Priscilla Whiteford
 This is a continuation of Hatha Yoga I. Bring a blanket and mat, and wear loose clothing. Priscilla Whiteford has taught yoga since 1974 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor and presently teaches at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. Priscilla has trained with BKS Iyengar in India and the United States, and is certified by him.

New World Karate
 Class Starts: February 1, 2005
 Ages: 4 and up
 Length of Class: Ongoing
 Day of Class: Tuesday
 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Place: AuSable Primary, Gross Motor Skills Room
 Cost: \$5.00 per class
 Instructor: Zack Burns
 This class is conducted in a fun, friendly yet disciplined environment. The primary study at New World Karate centers on teaching transferable life skills such as: enhancing self esteem, increasing the student's ability to focus, developing patience, making positive life choices and instilling the values of respect, discipline and good citizenship. Another benefit of New World Karate involves physical development of gross and fine motor skills, coordination, agility, and self defense skills.

Grace Under Pressure Self-Defense for Women
 Class Starts: January 31, 2005
 Length of Class: Continuous 8 week sessions
 Day of Class: Monday
 Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Place: AuSable Primary-Gross Motor Skills Room
 Cost: \$25.00
 Instructor: John Homrich
 An on going, "hands on" study of personal protection at home, school, and at the work place. Streetwise techniques are taught and discussed on an individual basis and are designed so that size and strength are not involved. Students learn how to act on stressful situations rather than being controlled by them. A great opportunity for mother-daughter combinations.

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 March 23, 2005 @ 6:00 p.m.
 April 21, 2005 @ 6:00 p.m.
 All testing will take place at Grayling High School. Please call Paul Brunell at 344-3535

Self Defense Youth Sanchin-Ryu (sa-an-shin-ryu)
 Class Starts: January 31, 2005
 Ages: 4 and up
 Length of Class: Continuous 8 week sessions
 Day of Class: Monday
 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Place: AuSable Primary-Gross Motor Skill Room
 Cost: \$25.00
 Instructor: John Homrich
 Kids have a blast learning the wide range of self-defense ideas, with conflict resolution being the key element. Children are taught alternatives to fighting through the wonderful non-competitive "go at your own pace" philosophy of Sanchin-Ryu. Fun is number one in this laid back atmosphere, where games and diverse activities enhance the topics covered! Sanchin-Ryu builds self-confidence, coordination, communication, and leadership skills through the study of a true art form.
 Wear loose clothes and bring your SMILE! Parents are strongly urged to attend.

Microsoft Office
 Class Starts: February 2, 2005
 Length of Class: 8 weeks
 Day of Class: Wednesday
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Place: Grayling Middle School-Computer Lab
 Cost: \$70.00 (includes books)
 Instructor: Nancy Hatfield
 This eight-week course is for those individuals who want to explore and use Microsoft Office, Excel and/or PowerPoint. The instructor will tailor the class around the needs of the students.

Introduction to Computers
 Class Starts: January 31, 2005
 Length of Class: 8 weeks
 Day of Class: Monday
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Place: Grayling Middle School-Computer Lab
 Cost: \$60.00 (includes book)
 Instructor: Nancy Hatfield
 Did you receive a computer for Christmas? Are you afraid the computer will break when you use it? Is your mouse running out of control? (What mouse?)! Is the screen too dark and you are not sure how to fix it? Have you lost a letter you thought you saved? (I was supposed to save it?) If this sounds like you, come and join us we start at the very beginning and learn about computers.

Spanish for Adults
 Class Starts: February 2, 2005
 Length of Class: 8 weeks
 Day of Class: Wednesday
 Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 Place: Grayling High School
 Cost: \$40.00
 Instructor: Barb Hunter
 Want to learn some basic Spanish or brush up on language skills you learned back in high school? This course, designed primarily for students at the beginning levels of Spanish, will provide you with a language-rich - yet always comprehensible - environment in every class session. You can acquire (or develop) your Spanish language skills naturally in entertaining, non-stressful, fun situations rather than by grammatical instruction. The method communications to both sides of the brain, thus promoting permanent language acquisition.

Heating bill assistance is available this winter

With winter natural gas bills expected to be up \$18-\$20 a month compared with last winter, and deliverable fuels (heating oil and propane) expected to jump 17 percent, hundreds of thousands of Michigan households will be severely affected by the perilously high fuel costs.

"High heating costs will definitely put a strain on our state's many low income households this winter," said Kathleen Walgren, executive director of The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW). "Heat should not have to be considered as a luxury, but with the unstable economy and rising natural gas costs, many families are faced with a situation that forces them to go without other necessities such as food or medicine in order to keep the heat on."

THAW is an independent non-profit organization that works to keep heat on for low-income households. Since its inception in 1986, THAW has provided more than \$35 million in energy assistance to needy families throughout 65 counties in Michigan.

On January 3, THAW began its 19th season of assistance by accepting new applications to aid low-income individuals, families and seniors who are unable to pay their energy bills and are in danger of losing essential heat.

THAW's Early Emergency program, which began November 1, 2004, is already out of funds after assisting 2,314 families whose service was shut off. A total of more than \$1.5 million was provided in assistance. Additionally, the need for energy assistance was so great that the Restore program, THAW's partnership with DTE Energy, which offered assistance for households with bills that are higher than THAW can pay through the Early Emergency program, ended a week early. It was scheduled to provide assistance from November 1 through December 15, but was depleted of funds by December 7. However, eligible families were still able to receive assistance through the Early Emergency program until December 21, 2004.

According to a previously

commissioned study, THAW found that thousands of Michigan households receive home energy bills that are higher than they can afford to pay. Walgren noted that when citizens are unable to pay their energy bills in full, it has a direct economic effect on local communities, both in the stress on community and social service programs, and on local businesses.

In fact, a survey of past THAW recipients that were asked what they would have done had they not received assistance revealed that 80 percent would not have paid other bills such as rent. Sixty-eight percent said they would have gone without food and 45 percent said they would forgo health care or medicine. Had their utilities been shut off, the majority reported that they would have been forced to use candles for light or space heaters, increasing the risk of injury or even death from fires or fumes.

How It Works

Low-income individuals, families, senior citizens, the disabled, the unemployed and the underemployed who are in danger of losing essential heat or lights, may apply for assistance at one of 100 community agencies serving as THAW screening sites across the state. Agency caseworkers verify applicant eligibility, and forward the application to the THAW administrative office. THAW then pays the utility or vendor directly.

Where Do the Funds Come From?

Funds to assist families are collected through private, individual business and foundation donations. THAW works in partnership with utility companies and local agencies to facilitate energy assistance. DTE Energy, Consumers Energy, Aquila and SEMCO ENERGY match all THAW payments dollar for dollar. DTE Energy, Aquila and SEMCO also solicit donations through customer utility bills.

For a \$195 contribution one family can stay warm for the entire winter thanks to the utility companies' match.

THAW also receives some funding through a grant from the Michigan Public Service Commission's Low Income

Energy Efficiency and Assistance Program (LIEE). This year, THAW received \$3.4 million and intends to apply for more as funds become available in January, so that the program can remain active into the spring.

Additionally, THAW holds annual fundraising events such as the WWJ Winter Survival Radiothon for THAW (Jan. 28 and 29, 2005) and THAW's annual Night of Warm Hearts Gala (Feb. 24, 2005). THAW also will participate in "Heat the Streets" the Detroit Walk and run for Warmth in February to help bring more assistance to families in need.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for assistance the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Must have received a shut-off notice for gas or electricity, or have an immediate need for deliverable fuel;
- Must be a resident of the area served by THAW;
- Annual household income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level; (e.g. \$31,340 maximum income for a family of three)
- Must apply for other available state or private resources for energy assistance;
- Customer must have made minimum payments on the energy bill;
- Must agree to a budget payment plan for future bills;
- Enroll in conservation or weatherization programs where available.

The vast majority of those who received THAW's help to get them through a difficult time do not require additional assistance the next year, demonstrating that the fund helps maintain service through a temporary crisis. In fact, a number of former recipients have actually become contributors over the years.

Applications are taken at community agencies serving as THAW screening sites in 65 counties across upper and lower Michigan.

To find a location for assistance, for further information, or to charge a donation by credit card please call 1-800-866-THAW (8429), or visit the Web site at www.thawfund.org.

Golden Reunion held for class of 1954

The Class of 1954 held their 50th reunion on September 24, 2004.

The celebration began with a social hour held at the Day's Inn conference room with a catered buffet lunch. Class President Roger Kessler conducted a short business meeting to make plans for the next five year reunion. For dinner the class attended the annual Grayling Alumni Association banquet at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

The Class of 1954 was recognized as "The Golden Class," with 27 of the 40 graduates attending the reunion. Most of this class went through the Grayling school system together from kindergarten through 12th grade.

In attendance were: Joanne Andrews Kobernick and Karl of Grand Haven, Marvin and Karra Bielski of Vancouver, Washington, Shirley Canfield Hatch of Mason, Walter Galvani of Grayling, Phyllis Goss

Armstrong of Smiths Station, Alabama, Carl and Rose Hatfield of Grayling, Jackie Hunter Lepsy of Grayling, John and Carol Jackson of Davison,

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Grayling, and Marilyn Vincent McClain and Bob of Grayling.

Special guests were: Mary Jane Wakeley Schofield and John of Beaverton, Shirley Jensen Granger of Roscommon and Barbara Melichar Clinton and Ron of Traverse City.

Deceased classmates that were with them in memory were: Albert Rohde, Florene Jensen, Charles Decker, Richard Dunham and John Schofield.

As a special keepsake the graduate committee put together a "Grayling School Memories" book 1941 through 1954, in which they gathered all of their school pictures and articles to share with their classmates.

The committee that planned the "golden reunion" were: Jackie Lepsy, Greta Chapp, Carl Hatfield, Marilyn McClain, Rita McEvers, Sue Canfield, Phyllis and Jim Bond and Nancy Cox. Their next reunion is scheduled for 2009.

Hospice's Light Up a Life campaign a success

Hospice of Michigan celebrated its first annual Light Up a Life fundraising campaign during the 2004 holiday season. Previous donors, community members, employees, volunteers and area businesses were invited to make a donation of \$10 to symbolically light up a bulb on the Hospice of Michigan Memory Tree in honor or memory of someone special.

The tree was lighted in front of the Michigan office

on Court Street in Gaylord throughout the holiday season. In addition, there was a display that included the names of the donors, sponsors and the names of those being honored or memorialized.

"I am thrilled with the response we received from our first year of this campaign. We received nearly \$4,600 in donations. The money raised will help care for patients that struggle with a life limiting illness in

our communities, as well as those in need of our grief support services. The holiday season is a very difficult time for many people and this was a great way to pay tribute to those dear to us," said Beth Konieczny, Community Development Representative for Hospice of Michigan.

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Vikings defeat Ramblers, Gladiators

GHS now 3-0 in conference with victories over Boyne City, St. Francis

■ **Grayling moves to 6-1 overall with two wins, one loss last week**

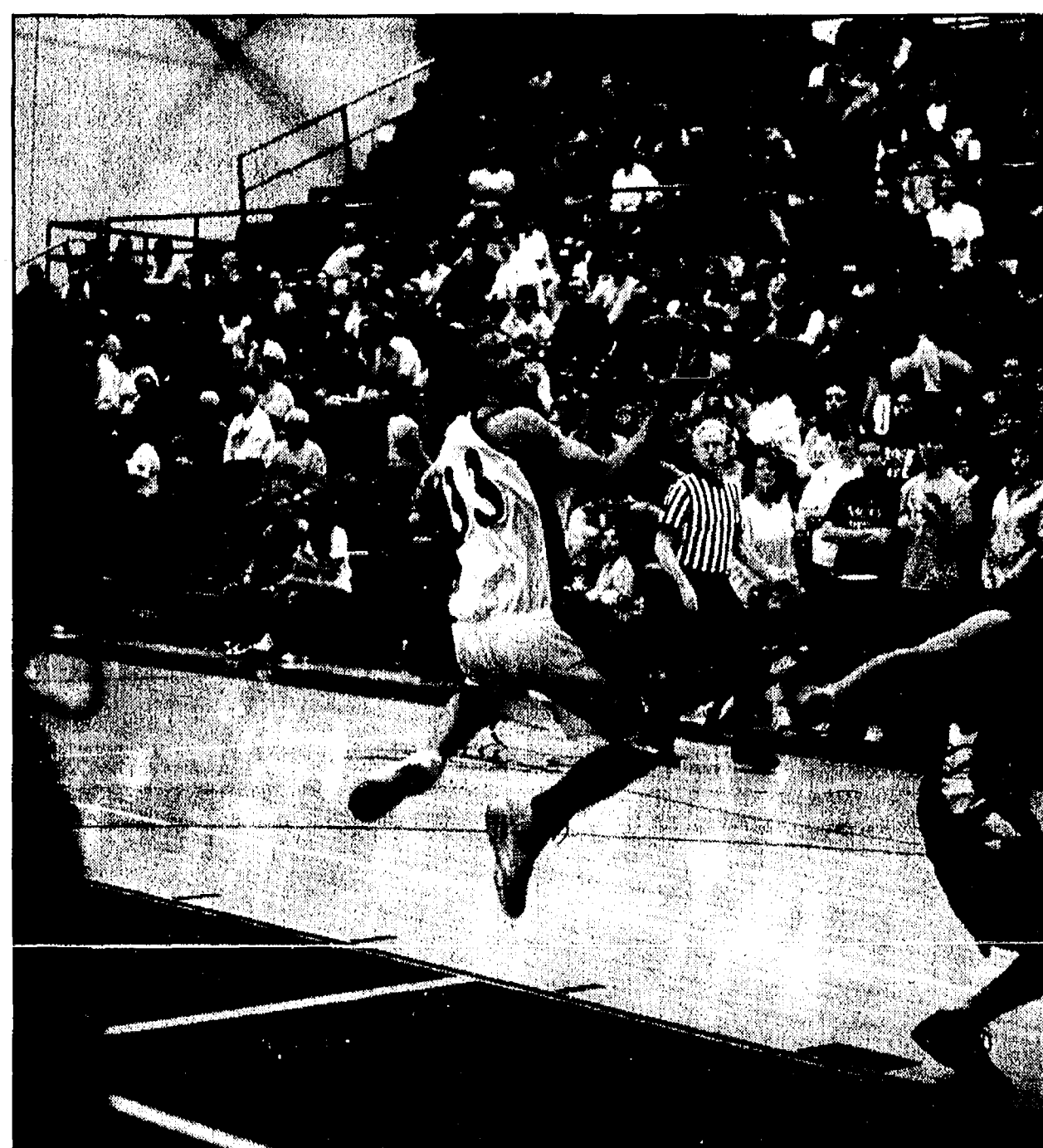
The Vikings of Grayling High School won two league games and lost one non-conference match-up in three var-

sity boys basketball games last week.

On Saturday, the Vikings defeated the Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis 64-56 at Traverse City. (The game was originally scheduled for December 21, but was postponed due to weather conditions.)

Grayling trailed 20-12 after one quarter and was down by five at halftime, 31-26. The score was tied (42-42) going into the fourth quarter, and GHS outscored TCSF 22-14 in the final eight minutes to win it.

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Gibson Tobin drives to the basket in Friday night's victory over the Boyne City Ramblers.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Tobin reaches 1,000-point mark

With 19 points in last Friday's 71-43 victory vs. Boyne City, Grayling High School senior Gibson Tobin passed the 1,000-point milestone in his varsity boys basketball career at GHS.

Tobin went into Friday night's home game with 982 points. He passed the 1,000-point mark with a pair of free throws in the fourth quarter.

After reaching 1,000, the contest was stopped briefly to

recognize the accomplishment. Tobin's father - Jim, also a member of Grayling High School's 1,000-point club with 1,257, and his brother - Eli, who scored 950 points in his career at GHS, joined Gibson on the court briefly during the break in action.

"It was great to see GT hit 1,000 before our home crowd," Coach Rich Moffit said. "He's a special kid."

Gibson Tobin ranks fifth on

Grayling High School's boys basketball scoring list. Jim Tobin is second and Eli Tobin is sixth.

Other members of the 1,000-point club include Nate Hinkle, Grayling High School's all-time leader with 1,638; Frank Gross, 1,193; and Eric LaForest, 1,074.

Going into this week's set of games, Gibson Tobin had 1,020 points with 13 regular season games still to play.

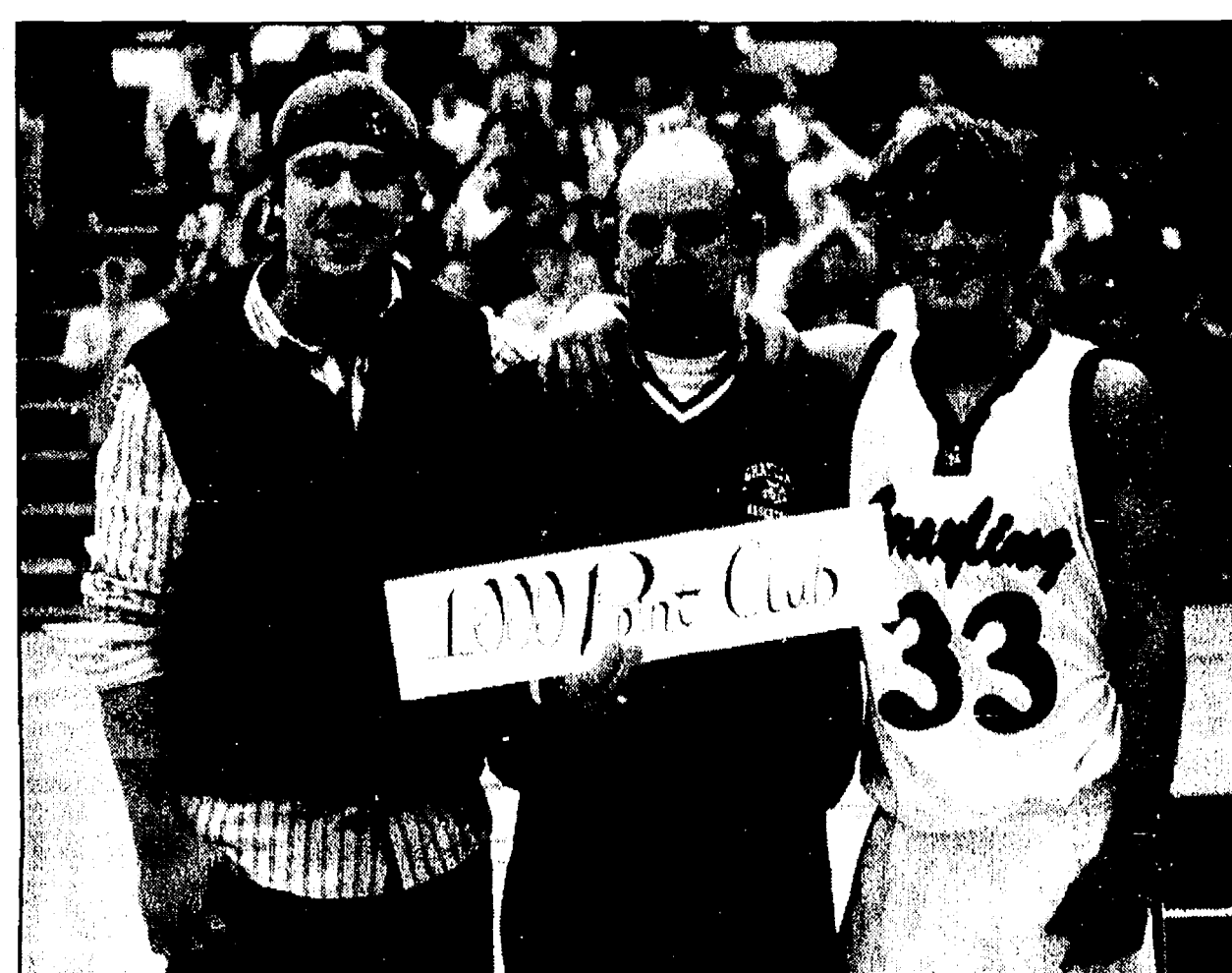


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After reaching the 1,000-point mark in Friday night's home game against Boyne City, Gibson Tobin is joined on the court by his father, Jim - who ranks second on Grayling's all-time scoring list with 1,257 points, and his brother, Eli - who ranks sixth with 950, during a brief recognition ceremony. Gibson is the fifth player in GHS boys basketball history to reach the 1,000-point plateau, and he currently ranks fifth on Grayling's all-time scoring list with 1,020 points.

Grayling High School wrestlers win Oscoda Invitational

■ **Three Vikings place first in their respective weight divisions**

The GHS wrestling squad won a team championship at Saturday's Oscoda Invitational.

The tournament format was round robin style, with each wrestler having an opportunity to wrestle a minimum of three matches and a maximum of five

matches. Wrestlers were awarded points for each victory for placement within each weight class and individual scores were then combined for a total team score.

"This style of tournament makes every match very important. A wrestler can win one or two matches and finish out of the medals on an individual basis but the points scored for their wins still count towards the team score. So every match

is important," Coach Don Ferguson said.

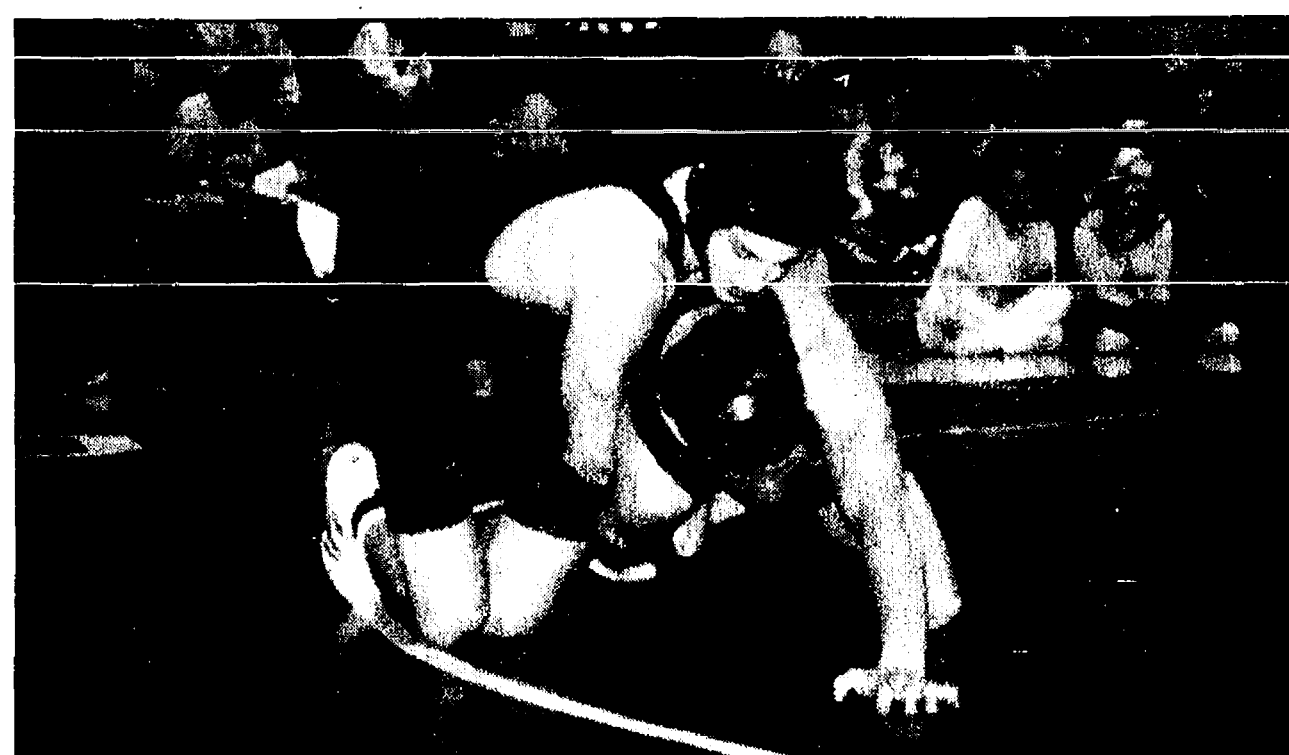
Grayling won the tournament with a team total of 212 points. Mio had 167 points to finish second, and Oscoda placed third with 162. Beaverton, Chippewa Hills, Hale, Harrison, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Tawas, Roscommon, and Valley Lutheran also competed in the event.

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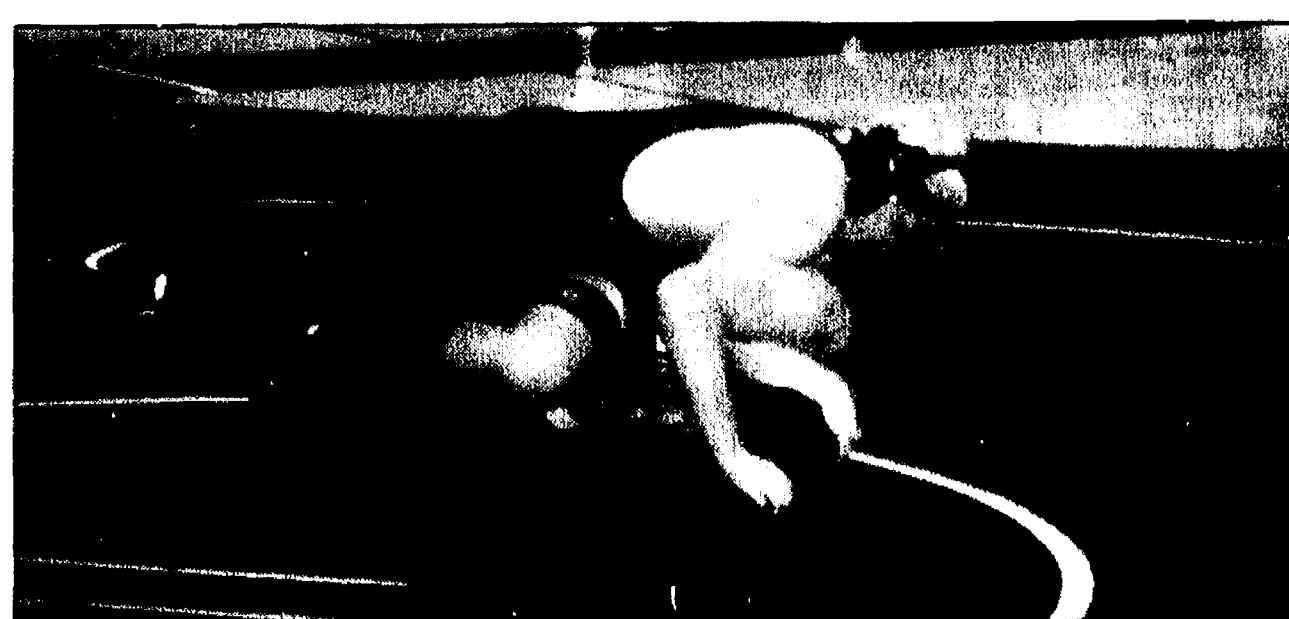


Ben Brown wrestles an opponent from Beaverton at Saturday's Oscoda Invitational. Brown (103) won his weight class at the event.

Photos courtesy of Bill Rosecrans



Kevin LaTreille grapples with a Tawas wrestler on Saturday at Oscoda. LaTreille (160) placed first in his weight class.



Joe Ferrigan goes up against a Michigan Lutheran Seminary wrestler in the 215-pound weight division on Saturday. Ferrigan won the division.

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Vikings defeat Ramblers, Gladiators

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"Our kids played very well down the stretch of this game," Coach Rich Moffit said. "(Eli) VanNuck, (Josh) Hinkle, and (Gibson) Tobin were solid offensively. Bob Starks keyed us with some smart defensive plays down the stretch."

VanNuck and Tobin scored 22 and 21 points, respectively, for the Vikings. Starks had 7 rebounds and 5 assists. Hinkle finished with 8 points and 7 rebounds. Tobin led the team in steals with 5. Reagan Schmidt, Jim Boylan, and Starks also scored points for GHS.

Saturday's victory at Traverse City improved Grayling's Lake Michigan Conference record to 3-0. The Vikings are 6-1 overall. On Friday night, the Vikings won a home game vs. the Boyne City Ramblers 71-43.

"Our defensive intensity was very good tonight. We did a good job of pressuring the ball and limiting Boyne City to one shot," Coach Moffit said. "Offensively, our ball movement and spacing were very much improved."

Tobin and Hinkle each finished with 19 points. VanNuck added 11. Starks scored 9 points and added 9 assists and 6 rebounds. J. Boylan finished the game with a team-high 7

rebounds. Hinkle had 6 rebounds. Tobin posted 5 steals. Zach Dean, Ryan Feldhauser, Zac Baker, Mike Boylan, and J. Boylan also scored points for Grayling.

Tobin's 19 points put him over the 1,000-point mark for his varsity basketball career. Tobin, a senior, ranks fifth on Grayling High School's boys basketball all-time scoring list.

On Tuesday, the Vikings suffered their first loss of the 2004-05 season, falling to the Pinconning Spartans 65-47 at Pinconning.

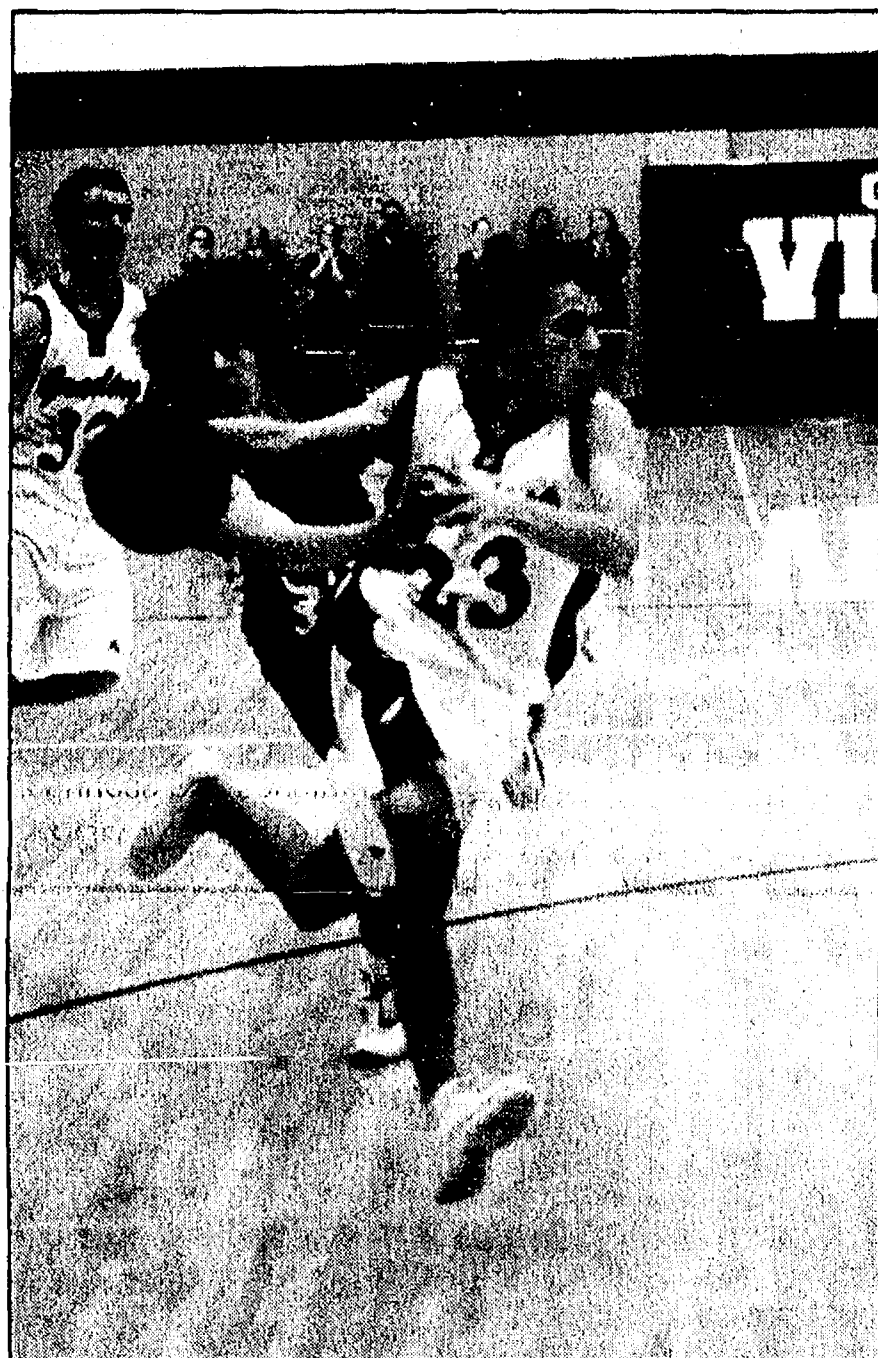
"We struggled at both ends of the court. Defensively, we averaged 68 defensive deflections. In this game, we had 35. Offensively, our spacing and ball movement left a lot to be desired," Coach Moffit said.

Tobin scored 19 points for GHS and had four steals. Starks had 9 rebounds and 4 assists, both team highs. Hinkle finished with 11 points. Josh Millikin, VanNuck, Starks, Dean, and J. Boylan also scored points for the Vikings.

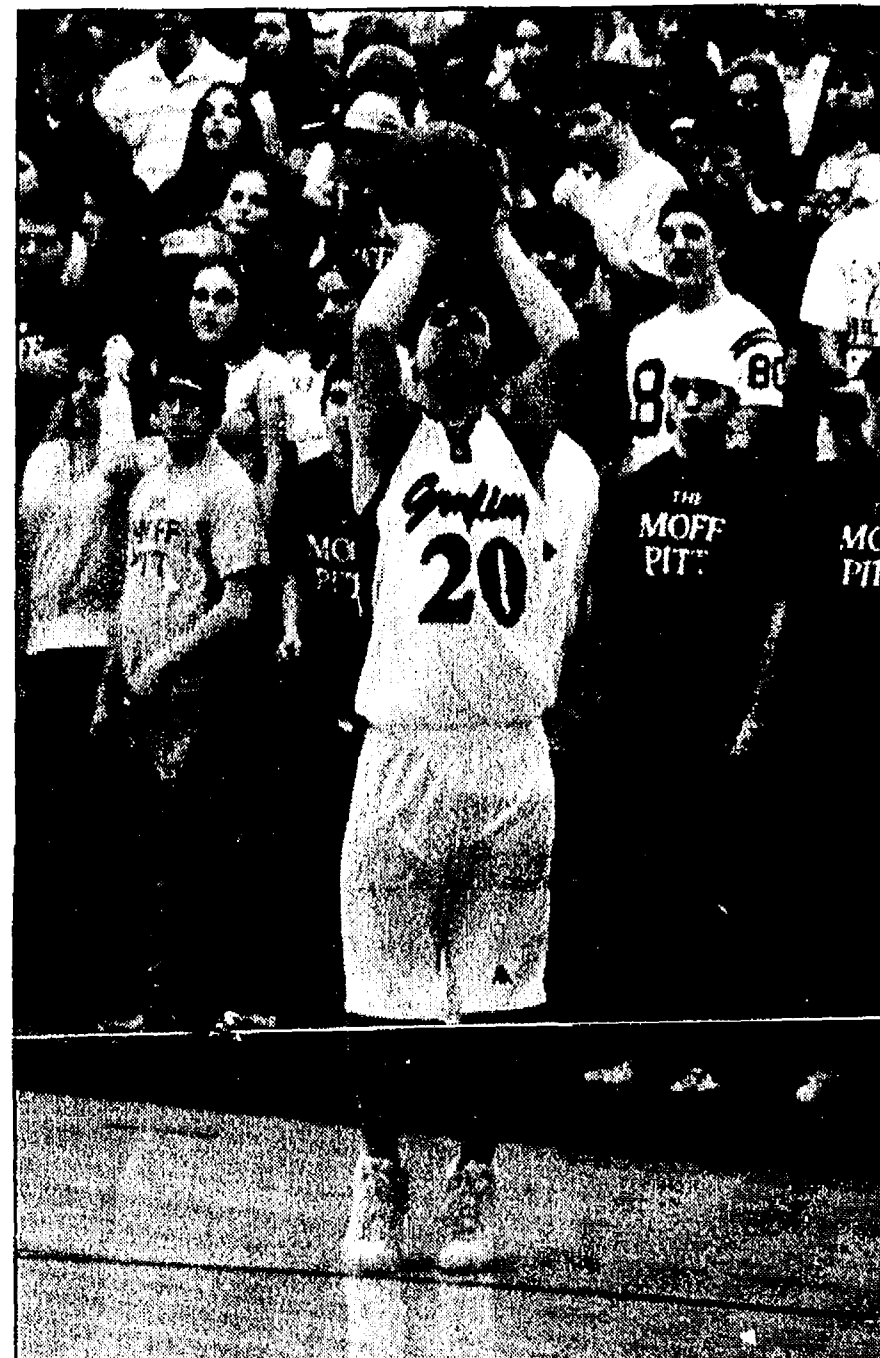
On Friday, January 14, the Vikings will host East Jordan.



Bobby Starks passes off to a teammate in last Friday's game against the Boyne City Ramblers.



Eli VanNuck drives toward the basket in Friday night's game vs. Boyne City.



Zeke Hayes sets up for a three-point shot on Friday night.

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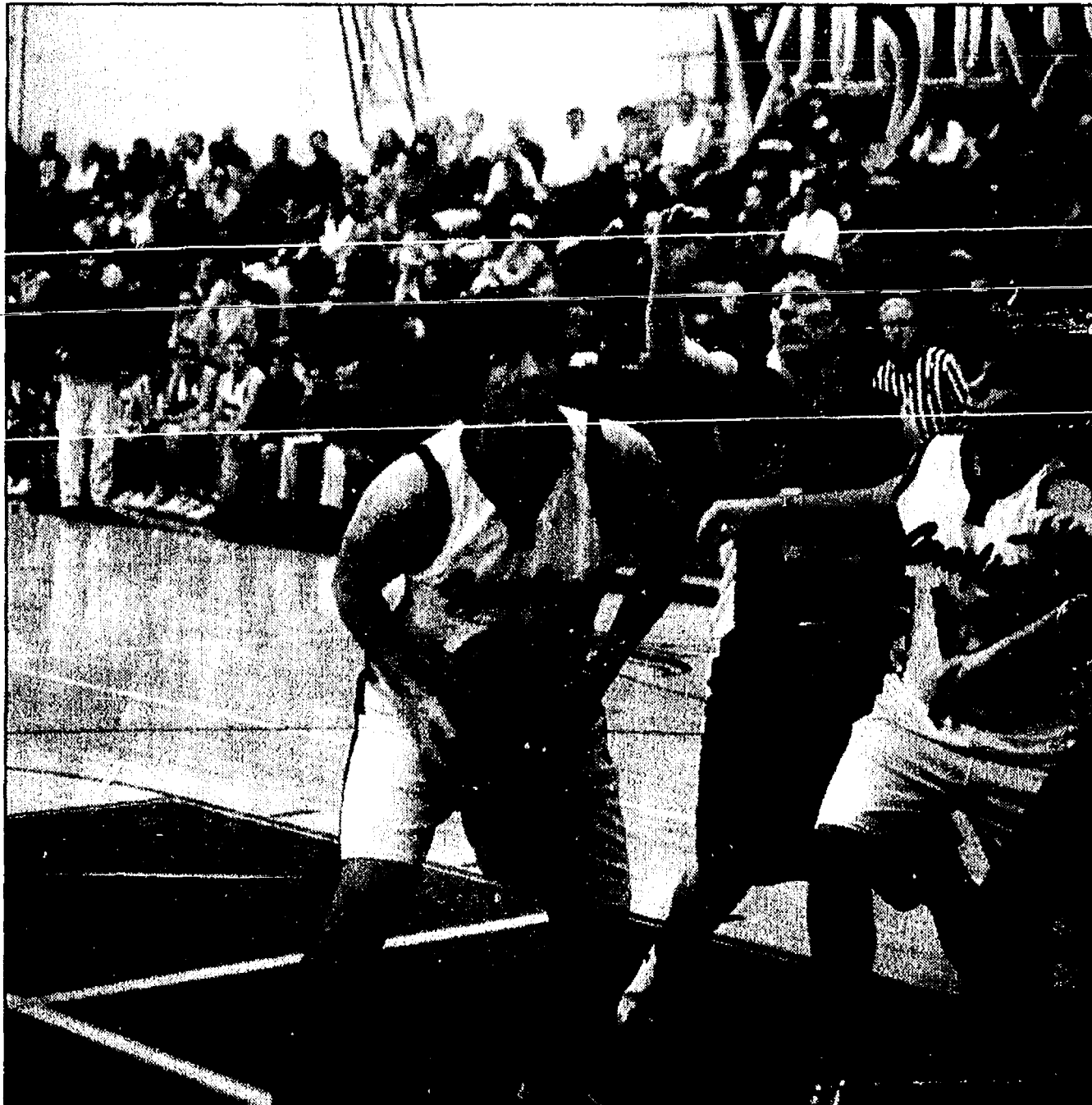
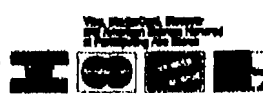
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Zach Dean looks to shoot from inside the key in last week's game against the Boyne City Ramblers.

Four cheerleaders earn all-league honors

Four Grayling High School cheerleaders earned all-league recognition in the Lake Michigan Conference for their work during the fall 2004 football season.

Alyssa Farrell and Rachel Brunell were named to the all-conference first team and Brittney Bennett and Jenny Ringle both received honorable mentions.

The GHS varsity cheer team competed in two sideline meets during the fall 2004 season - one at Kalkaska and one at Grand Traverse Resort - and placed second in the Lake Michigan Conference's league cheerleading meet.



Photos courtesy of Bill Rosecrans

The Vikings celebrate their team victory at Saturday's Oscoda Invitational tournament.

GHS wrestlers win Oscoda Invitational

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For Grayling, individual placements and team point totals included:

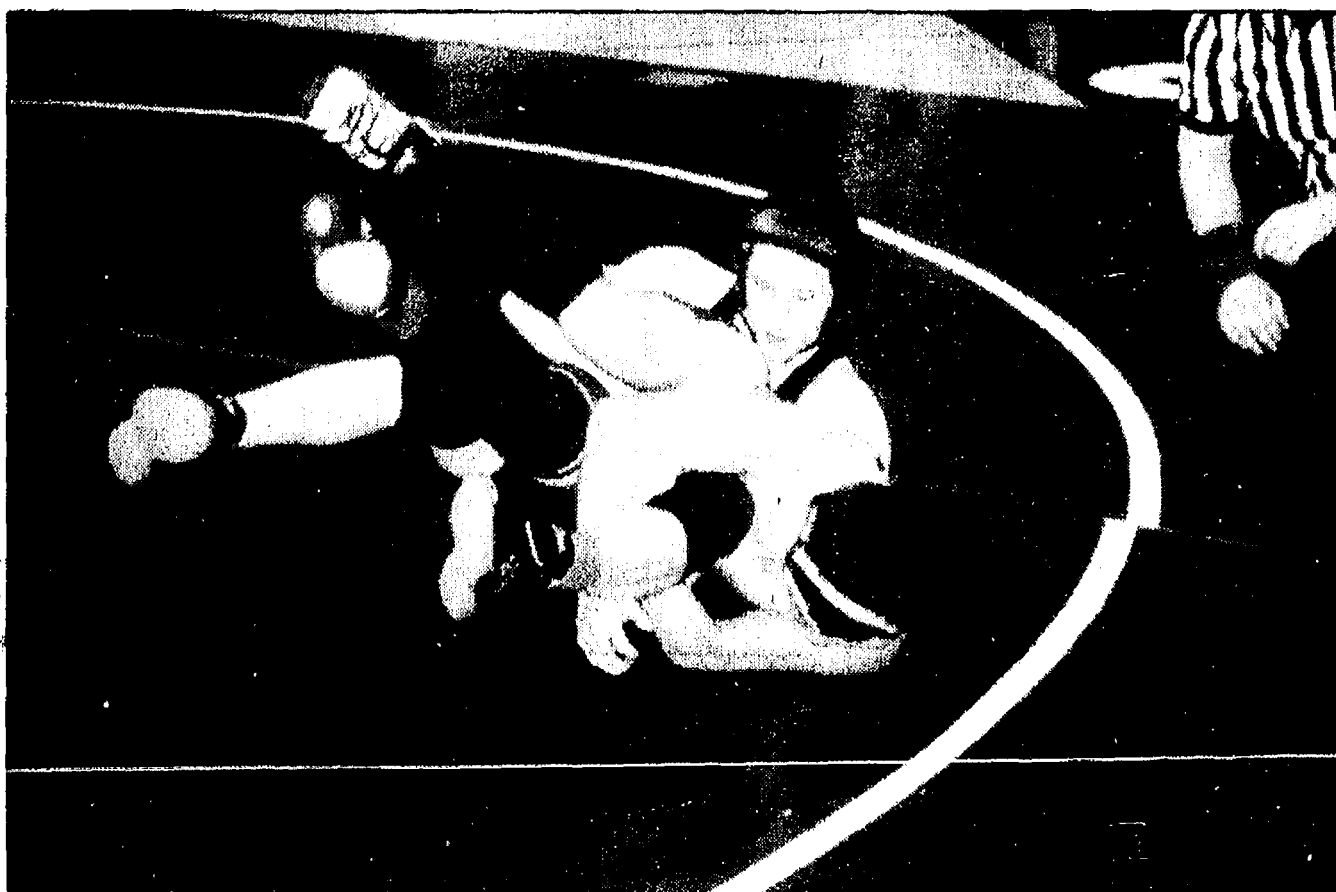
Ben Brown (103, freshman), 1st place, 24 team points; Jeff Harwood (119, sophomore), no medal, 6 team points; Eric Madill (125, freshman), 4th place, 6 team points; Cody Malone (130, freshman), no medal, 12 team points; James Haight (135, freshman), no

medal, 6 team points; TJ Cardoza (140, junior), 4th place, 18 team points; Jeff Bancroft (145, sophomore), 2nd place, 22 team points; Doug Webb (152, senior), no medal, 6 team points; Kevin LaTrelle (160, senior), 1st place, 29 team points; Troy Wilson (171, sophomore), 2nd place (finished the day undefeated but placed 2nd because of a bye), 19 team points; Jesse CdeBaca (189, senior), 2nd place, 24 team

points; Joe Ferrigan (215, junior), 1st place, 27 points; Bill Stewart (275, junior), 4th place, 12 team points!

"Once again we were very pleased with this young team's performance. I think our younger wrestlers now realize that every match really does count," Coach Ferguson said.

The Vikings will compete against Benzie and Pine River at Benzie on Thursday, January 13.



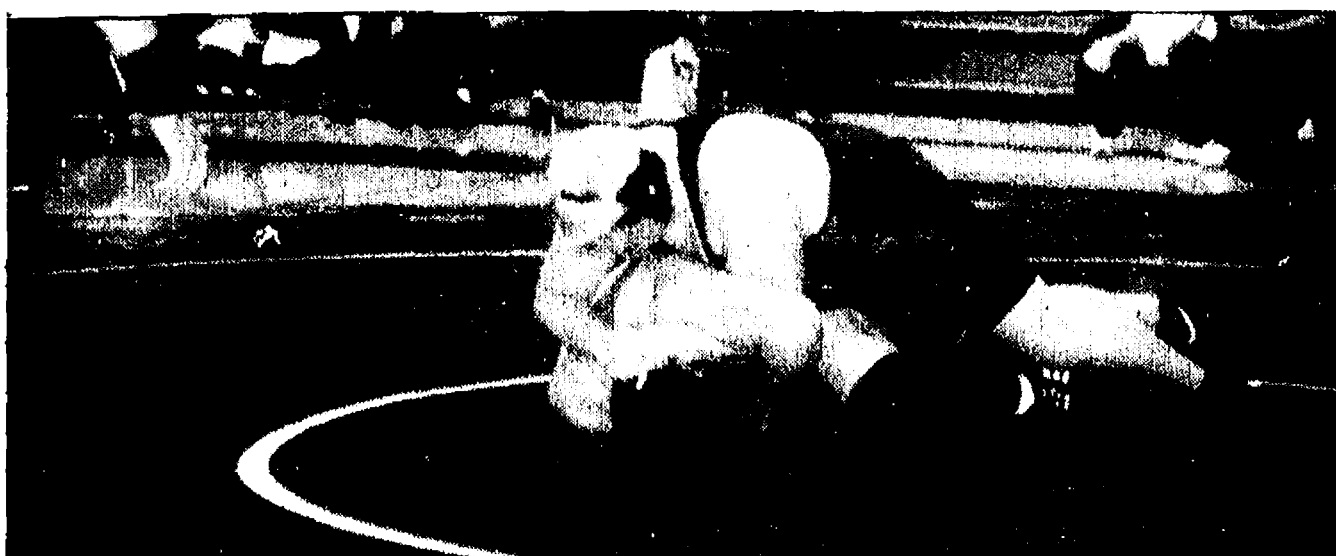
Jeff Bancroft wrestles a Roscommon opponent on Saturday.



Troy Wilson wrestles against Mio at the Oscoda Invitational.



Cody Malone grapples with a Mio opponent at Oscoda.



Bill Stewart competes against an Oscoda wrestler on Saturday.

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JV team wins at Pinconning

Vikings defeat Spartans 34-33 on Tuesday night for first victory

Grayling High School's JV boys basketball team posted its first win of the season with a 34-33 victory over the Pinconning Spartans at Pinconning last Tuesday.

Grayling led 11-6 after one quarter, 25-14 after two quarters, and 29-23 after three. With 25 seconds left in the contest, Pinconning hit a three-pointer to tie the game. On a loose ball situation, Nick Parkinson was fouled and hit the first of two free throws to win it for Grayling.

Ryan Cooper, playing in his first JV game after being promoted from the freshman squad, led the Vikings with 12 points. Mitch Hernandez, Jason Drudge, Rocky McNamara, Jeremiah Bootz, Doug Slater, Justin Summers, and Parkinson also scored points for Grayling. Drudge had 6 rebounds and 10 deflections. Patrick Belcher had 4 steals.

On Friday, the Vikings lost to Boyne City 65-44 at GHS.

Boyne led 11-10 after one quarter and had a 30-22 lead at halftime. The Ramblers outscored Grayling 26-14 in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

"We played well for two and a half quarters but fell apart in the end," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for GHS were Drudge (10), Cooper (6), and Slater (6). Belcher had 5 steals on defense.

On Saturday in a make-up game at Traverse City, the Vikings lost to the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators 56-30.

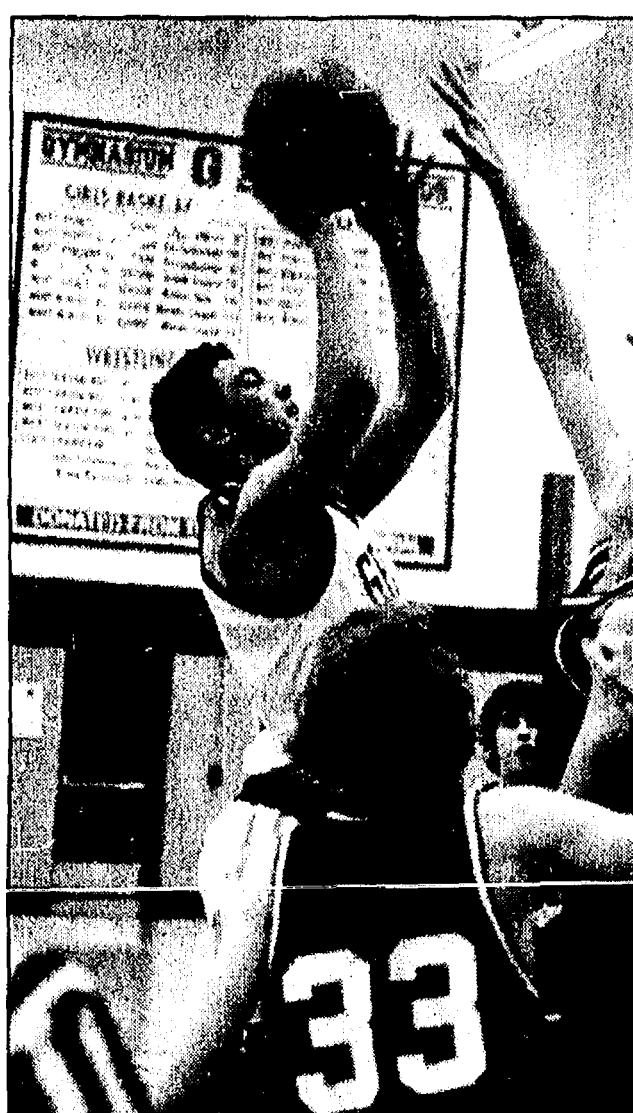
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The Vikings will host East Jordan on Friday, January 14.

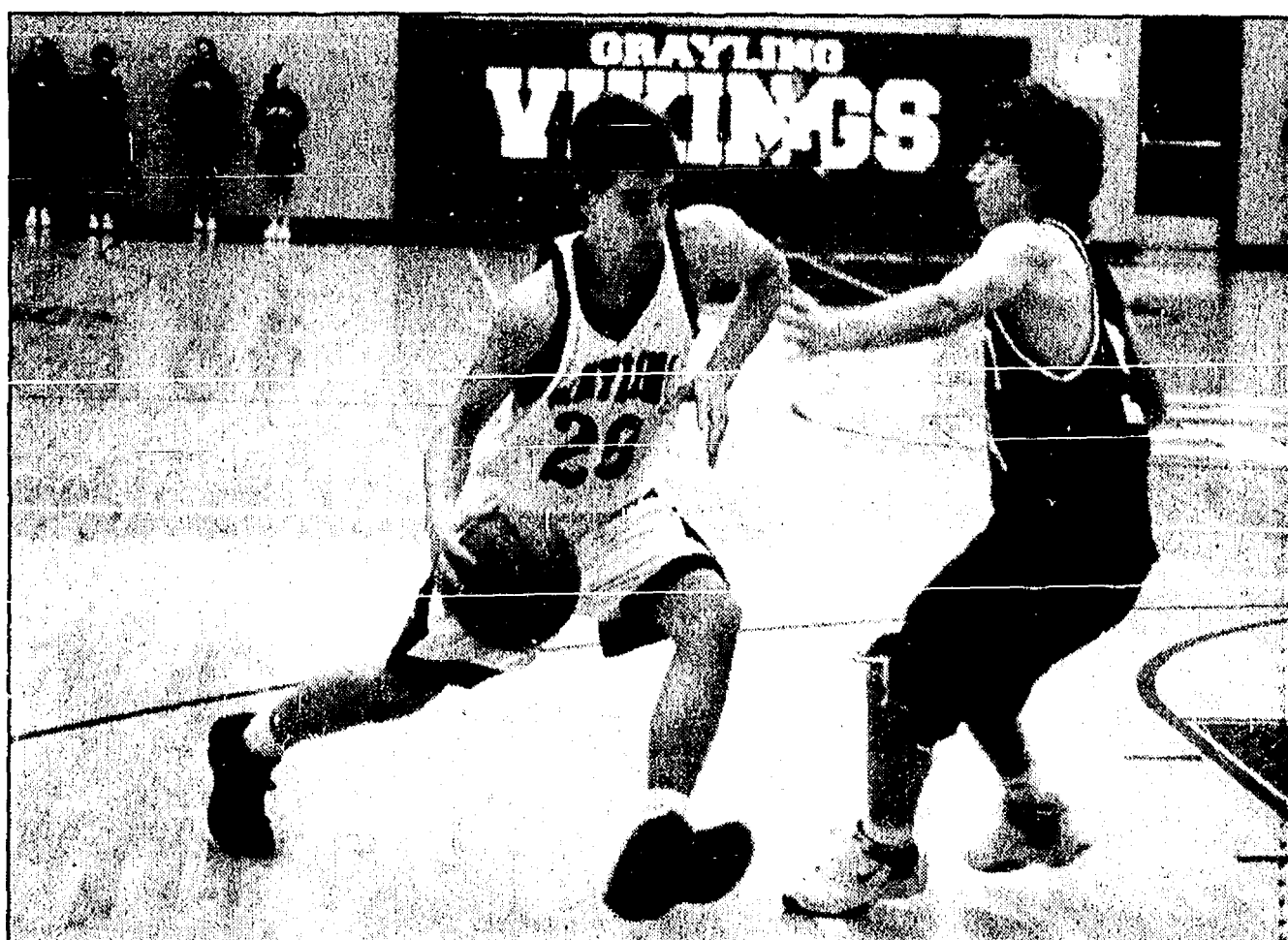


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Jason Drudge shoots for the Vikings on Friday night vs. Boyne City.



(Left) Ryan Cooper shoots for Grayling on Friday. (Right) Hank Abney boxes out on a rebound opportunity.



Nick Parkinson handles the ball for the Vikings.

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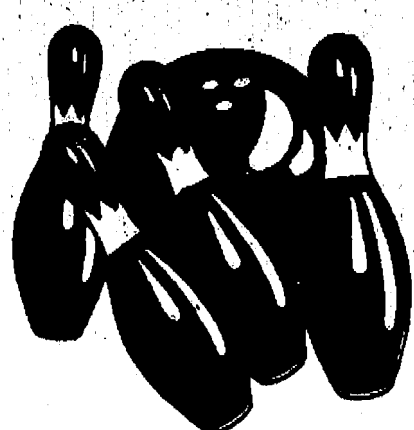
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GMS BASKETBALL

7th grade white team

Grayling Middle School's 7th grade boys basketball (white) team defeated West Branch 38-15 at GMS last Tuesday.

Robby Wilson and Doug Gothro led Grayling's scoring attack with 18 and 12 points, respectively. Joey Contreras and Joe Emmons also scored points for the Vikings.

On December 16, the Vikings lost a close game vs. Boyne City at GMS 26-22.

Gothro, Wilson, and Contreras each scored 6 points for GMS.

Shivam Patel had 4 points.

On December 9 Grayling lost at Elk Rapids 32-21.

Wilson was Grayling's scoring leader with 8 points. Contreras, James Schweitzer, Patel, Cody Collen, Carl Gaff, and Emmons also scored for GMS.

On November 22, in the team's season opener, Grayling lost to East Jordan 36-27 at GMS.

Wilson scored 20 points for the Vikings. Drue Kuhn, Contreras, and Gaff also scored for Grayling.

"This season's squad has worked hard during practices and shown improvement defensively, both on the ball and helping from the weak side. We continue to work on these and look to improve in both rebounding and communicating," Coach John Junttila said. "Defensively they are honing individual skills and working on patience and timing as a unit. We've had one game where everyone scored and hope to continue to get increased production as the season progresses."

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Women's Team

ROSCOMMON - It was a great day for the Kirtland Firebirds and their fans as both the men's and women's teams played to victory against the Oakland Community College Raiders before a home crowd at the CRAF Center in Roscommon Saturday, January 8. The women's team won with a score of 76-70, while the men played into overtime, winning 90-88.

The Lady Firebirds had their work cut out for them against a team they'd lost to in pre-conference play. But Saturday's final score was the product of a complete game for Teresa Stuck's young team, during which they finally seemed to hit their stride.

"The most important factor in this game was finishing our defense with the rebound," Stuck said. "Overall, we rebounded well. We gave ourselves 26 extra possessions through offensive rebounds. I am very proud of our performance."

"My compliments to the girls on a really fine game," added Kirtland men's coach and Athletic Director Glen Donahue.

Tied at the half, the Firebirds came out after the buzzer to meet the challenge with a 16-2 scoring streak. They kept their edge until the final minutes of play when it was back to a one-point game. But the Firebirds

continued to play smart and took the win.

Kenzie Steward led in scoring for the Firebirds with 16 points and 6 rebounds. Amanda Cooper had 15 points to go with 5 boards, while Casey Burrows tallied 14 points and 3 steals. Felon Harris added 12 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists and 3 steals.

"Jamie Dent and Meghan Bastian both had huge games for us tonight," Stuck added. "They really stepped it up."

Erika Vandereer scored 12 to lead the Raiders. Both Oakland and Kirtland are now 1-1 in conference play.

Men's Team
ROSCOMMON - In addition to adding to what is now its 10-game winning streak, the Kirtland men's team gave its fans a great show Saturday, pulling off a 90-88 overtime win against Oakland.

If the Firebirds had hit more than 33 percent on either their field goal or three-point attempts, it might have been a blowout, but instead it was a close score for most of the game, with the Raiders on top of the 31-30 halftime score.

With about three and one-half minutes left on the clock, the Firebirds were actually down by 14, but quickly regained their spirit and their focus to end regulation play at 74 apiece.

In a heated overtime, the Firebirds kept that focus and topped the Raiders, 16-14, to

end the game.

Bernard Daniels led the Firebirds, dropping in 22 points and adding 7 assists, followed by David Allison with 19 points, Frank Washington with 16 and Vic Hamilton with 10. Playing center, Sherman Yarbrough led all with 13 rebounds.

Kirtland is now 2-0 in conference play (12-3 overall), while Oakland dropped to 1-1 (8-7).

ROSCOMMON - The Kirtland men's basketball team has been on a roll, winning their last eight games, and they're continuing to roll with their first Eastern Conference win of the year, defeating Wayne County Community College 88-85 in overtime Wednesday, January 5, in Detroit.

Victor Hamilton and Frank Washington led the Firebirds in scoring with 17 apiece against Wayne, followed closely by Antonio Berry with 16, Craig Ash with 14 and Bernard Daniels with 13.

Leading in rebounds were Washington and Ash with nine apiece. Berry had six assists and David Allison led in steals with four.

The Firebirds will be back at the CRAF Center in Roscommon for a Wednesday, January 19, game against visiting Mott Community College, then will continue to play to the home crowd through the end of the month with CRAF Center games on January 22, 26 and 29.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn . . . 118
 Holiday Inn . . . 112
 Growlers Pub . . . 98
 Legion . . . 96
 Sawmill(I) . . . 92
 5 Ball Run: Melonie (Holiday Inn). 7 Ball Run: Cookie

(Legion), and Cindy (Holiday Inn). 8 Ball Run: Sis (Frederic Inn).

Men's Standings

1 - Legion and Sawmill #2
 3 - Two Track Inn #1
 4 - Riverside and Sawmill #1

5 - Frederic Inn
 6 - Two Track Inn #2 and Growlers Pub
 Lords of the Table - 8 Ball Run: Charlie P. and Kevin (Two Track Inn). 8 Ball Run on break: Josh (Sawmill #2).

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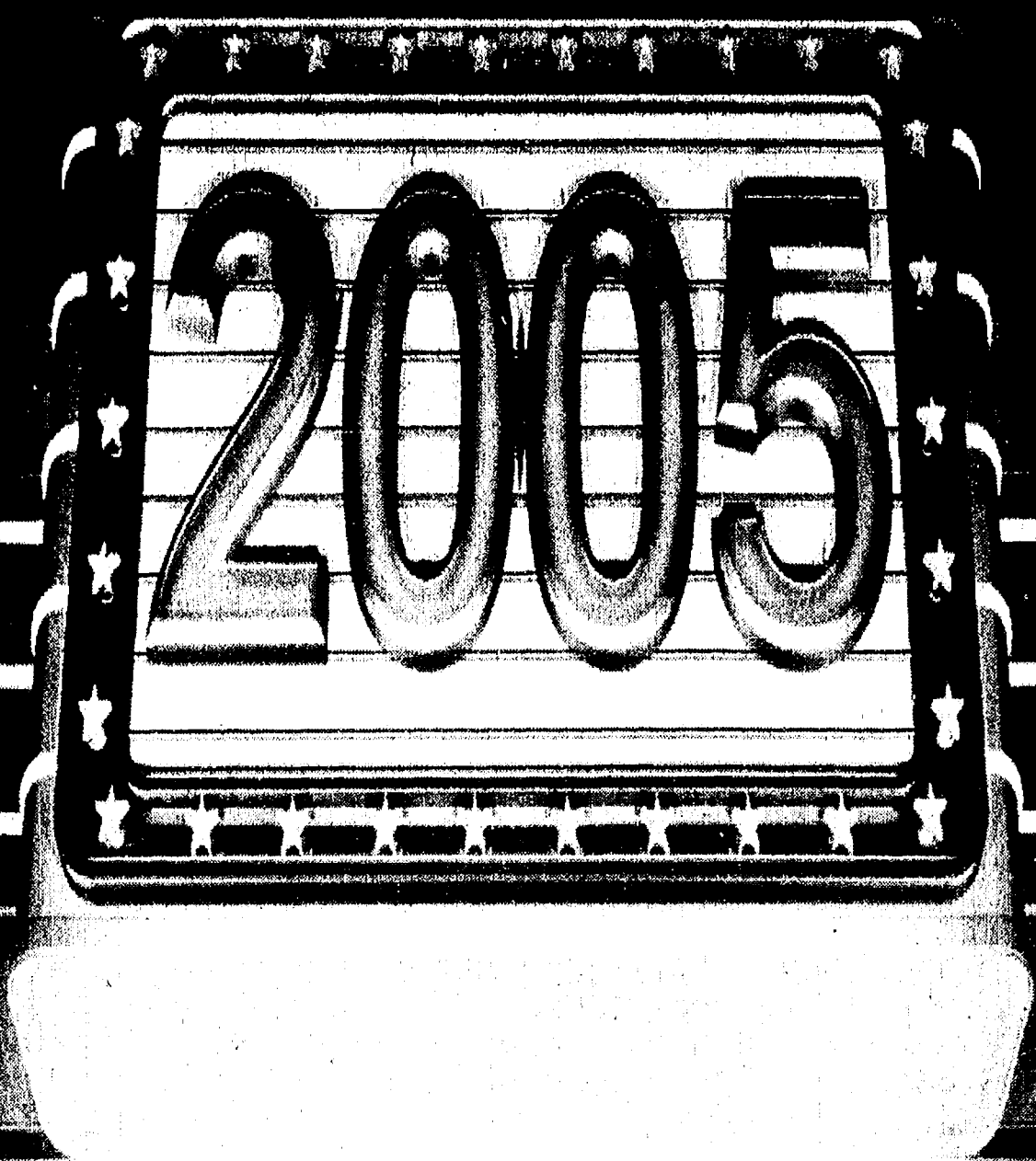
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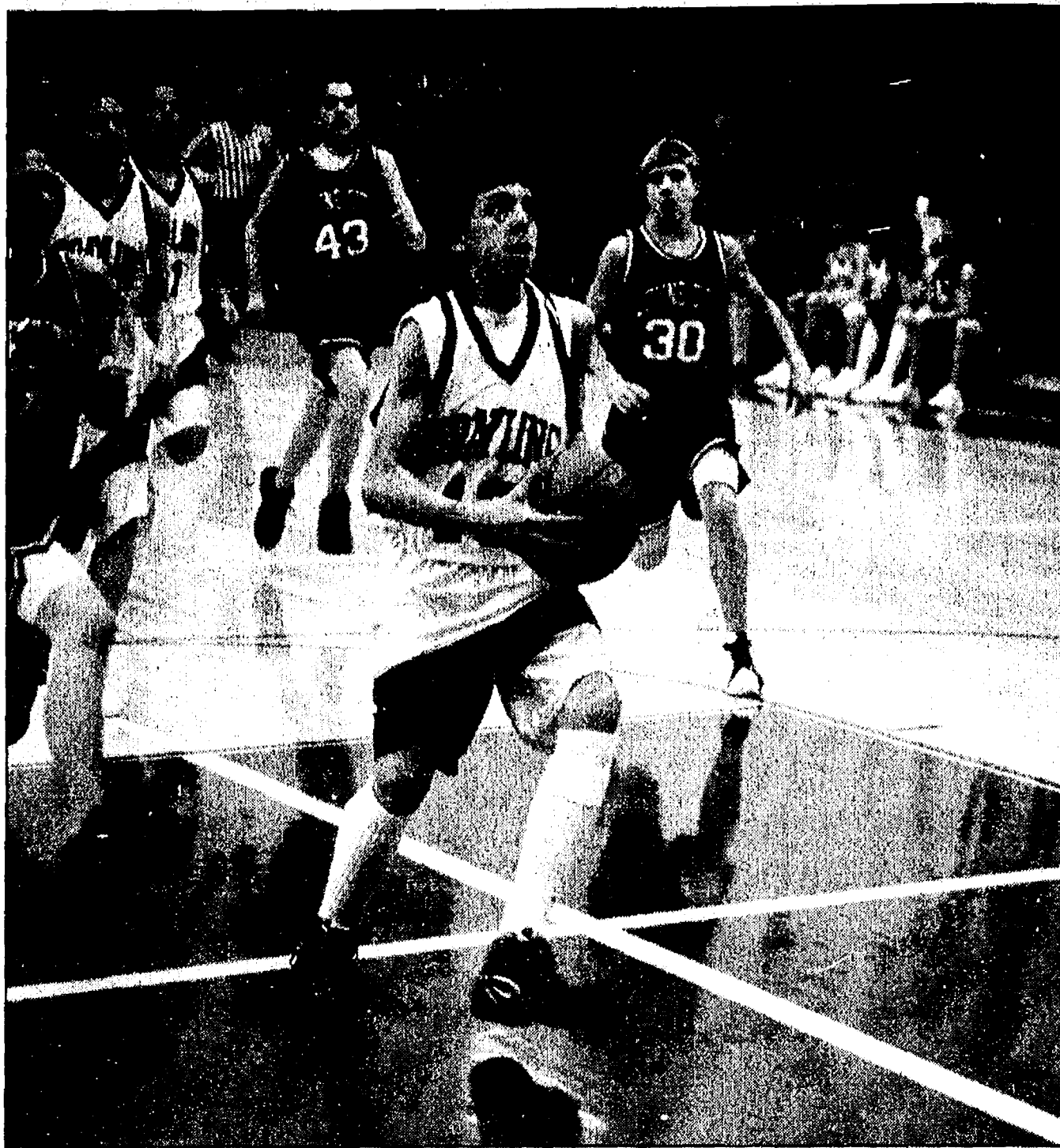
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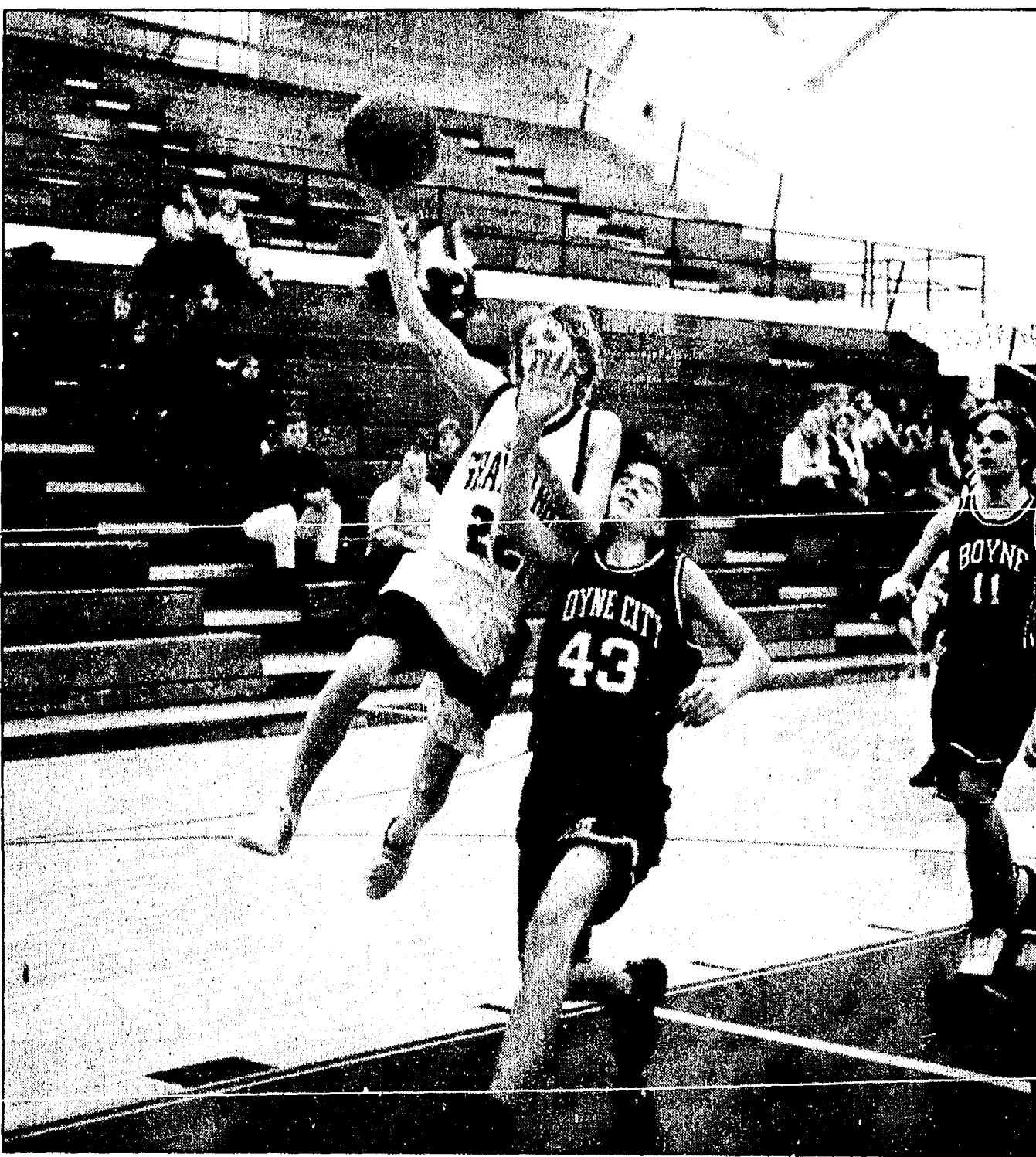
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Freshman team falls to Boyne City 31-25



Photos by Caleb Casey

Richard Schreiber drives to the basket for Grayling in last Friday's freshman boys basketball game vs. Boyne City. Boyne won the game 31-25.



Andrew Hulbert goes up for a lay-up against Boyne City on Friday.



Andy Curriston boxes out on a rebound chance.

LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy G. Blackmer and Janice D. Blackmer, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2002, and recorded on March 20, 2002 in Liber 573 on Page 604, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Federal National Mortgage Association as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three And 09/100 Dollars (\$215,423.09), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 9, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Plat of Greenacre Subdivision, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 40, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 6, 2005
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Federal National Mortgage Association
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #043395F01

-6-13-20-27

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald L. Trojanek and Laura Trojanek, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Encore Credit Corp., a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 28, 2003, and recorded on June 17, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 149, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight And 00/100 Dollars (\$93,178.00), including interest at 8.115% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County Building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 2, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Original Plat of Village of Grayling, now City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 30, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2004-HE3
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #043783F01

-30-6-13-20

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Covenant Capital, Inc., A Michigan Corporation, P.O. Box 814, Cadillac, MI 49601, Mortgagor to Scott Day and Cleo Day, husband and wife, 2239 Parma, Grayling, MI 49738, said mortgage, dated February 24, 2000, and recorded on March 14, 2000 in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan in Liber 503 Page 272, Crawford County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date stated below, for principal and interest, the sum of Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100(\$14,800) Dollars, including interest accruing at the rate of 10.25% Per Cent per annum. No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debts secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. (1 week after 4 weeks publication) at the front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder of the premises legally described in said mortgage as:

The redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale as the mortgagee has determined that the property has been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241A, except that if the mortgagor provides notice of the fact that the property has not been abandoned pursuant to the statute, then the period of redemption shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale.

Dated: 12-29-04
Attorneys: Bloomquist & Associates, P.L.L.C.
Todd H. Nye
P.O. Box 708
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6141

-6-13-20-27

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

GARY & SANDRA CUSTER, Husband and Wife
Plaintiff

v.
RICHARD & TRACEY AARDEMA
Husband and Wife
Defendants

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: Kyle T. Legel (P59523)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738
989 348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 8th day of November 2004, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 28th day of January 2005 at 10:00 in the forenoon the following described property:

Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Original Plat of Village of Grayling, now City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and more particularly described as follows.

Parcel 3: Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence § 88°00'E, 662.4 feet to point of Beginning; thence N1°46'E, 331.2 feet; thence §87°51'E, 333.19 feet; thence §32°W along 1/4 line, 331.0 feet; thence N87°54'W, 334.53 feet to Point of Beginning

Dated: December 13, 2004
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-16-23-30-6-13-20

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ROUCHELL CHILDRESS, Plaintiff

v.
RUTH WARE and GARY GUNNELS
Defendants

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.
By: Kyle T. Legel (P59523)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, MI 49738
989 348-5232

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In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford State of Michigan, made and entered in the above entitled cause on the 3rd day of December 2004, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 28th day of January 2005 at 10:00 in the forenoon the following described property, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and more particularly described as follows.

The North 1/2 of West 1/2 of East 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, including a 1979 14x70 Academy Mobile Home, Serial No. 0533415M 14x70.

Dated: December 10, 2004
Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

-16-23-30-6-13-20

Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David M. Zarnick, a married man, joined by his spouse, Sharon K. Zarnick, to Westmark Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated March 8, 1999 and recorded May 12, 1999 in Liber 481, Page 262, and Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description Dated 2/12/04 and Recorded 2/23/04 in Liber 666 on Page 465, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, FKA BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE by assignment dated March 24, 1999 and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 511, Page 252, Scrivener's Affidavit to correct the legal description dated 02-27-04 and recorded 03-02-04 in Liber 666 on page 612, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Eight and 03/100 Dollars (\$34,508.03) including interest at the rate of 12.63% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be fore-closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 9, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North-east 1/4 of the section 17, town 26 north, range 2 West, lying on the South side of Highway M-72, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: January 6, 2005

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE, FKA BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 199.1415 ASA625820 01/06, 01/13, 01/20, 01/27

-6-13-20-27

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON "ADULT" ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on its proposed amendment for "sexually-oriented businesses," on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. The meeting will commence in the township meeting room at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The proposed text of the amendment is available at the town hall during regular business hours. Persons not able to attend the hearing may send their comments via letter, email or fax. All correspondence must be signed. Send letters to Terry Wright, Supervisor, PO Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Emails may be sent to twright@twp.grayling.mi.us. And facsimiles may be sent at (989) 348-6713.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 05-6943-DE

Estate of Michael Marius McEvers, deceased

AKA Michael McEvers, deceased

Date of birth: 4/27/49

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Michael Marius McEvers, who lived at 705 Ionia, Grayling, Michigan died 10/20/2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary L. McEvers, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 1-4-05
David R. Sabin P19822
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5588

Mary L. McEvers
705 Ionia
Grayling, MI 49738

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Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Robbin J. Meyer and Karen L. Brausa, a single man and a single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated August 4, 2003 and recorded on September 29, 2003 in Liber 654 page 93, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$30,471.32.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 14 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

The North 1/2 of the following described parcel 12: beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West; thence North 0°15'03" East along section line 662.45 feet; thence South 89°15'17" East 659.00 feet; thence South 0°15'03" West 661.3 feet; thence North 89°21'15" West along 1/4 line 658.99 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, including a 1975 Colanade Mobile Home (Serial #N7087).

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale.

Date: January 6, 2005
Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder
P.O. Box 794, East Lansing, MI 48826
517-337-1617

-13-20-26-3

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6905-DE

Estate of Harold H. Sneed, deceased

Date of birth: 7/24/26

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Harold H. Sneed, who lived at 8931 Partridge Roost Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, died June 25, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tammy Myers, named Personal Representative, or to both the Crawford County Probate Court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738 and the named Personal Representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 27, 2004
Ronald J. Kirkpatrick (P24887)
Attorney for Personal Representative
PLUNKETT & COONEY, P.C.
123 West Main Street, Suite 302
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989) 732-6440
Tammy Myers, Personal Representative
7468 Wilkinson Road
Gaylord, MI 49735

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SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting December 13, 2004

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held on December 13, 2004, called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Little, Summers and Hartman. There were 7 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor, by Fire Chief on Fire Department and Planning Commission.

Guest Mr. Russ Cavanaugh was seeking approval from the Township Board for Tentative Preliminary Plat Approval for Clearwater Subdivision. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the Tentative Preliminary Plat. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to replace our existing Xerox copier with a Xerox Work center C20 copier and purchase a fax machine for no more than \$200.00. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to pledge \$200 for next year's tire cleanup. Motion carried

3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to approve up to \$200 for wiring and conduit for our security camera. Motion carried.

4. Attorney Lang has advised that we will need to publish and/or hold a hearing on the requested franchise from Charter Communication. We will get this in place as soon as possible.

New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer attending the Detroit Conference in January Motion carried.

2. 2003-2004 audits were given to each board member and the auditor's have given us a good audit report.

3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to amend our 2004-2005 budget to show \$41,751.00 in grant monies to the Fire department.

4. Discussion regarding purchase of a new hot water heater. Summers will get more information.

5. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Riley to approve the Holiday Closing Dates for 2005 as presented. Motion Carried

6. Motion by to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM
Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 46TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

FRANK J. DEPA AND MARGARET M. DEPA,

husband and wife,

Plaintiffs,

Case No.:04-6357-CH

v.

ROYAL HAIGHT,

Defendant.

ROBERTA ECKERT CHRISPPELL

P46479

Attorney for Plaintiffs

3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.

Houghton Lake, MI 48629

(989)366-8177

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE BY SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain land contract made on the date of July 27, 1995, by Royal Haight, as Purchaser, to Frank J. Depa and Margaret M. Depa, husband and wife, as Sellers, upon which land contract there is claim to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars and One Cent (\$5,312.01), plus other allowable costs including reasonable attorney fees, real property taxes, and insurance;

Further, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt, secured by said land contract and the power of sale being contained in said land contract having become operative by reason of this default;

NOW THEREFORE, notice is being given that on the 24th day of February, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon at the main front door of the Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said land contract with interest there on at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, together with legal costs and charges of sale, provided by law and in said land contract. The land and the premises described in said land contract are located in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Township of Grayling, and further

described as follows:

The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, all being in section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the East side for road purposes. Commonly known as: Route 1, Box 1743-E, Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount bid at the sale, plus interest at the rate of Ten (10%) Percent, and any fees, taxes, or other unpaid encumbrances on the property from the date of sale.

The property is occupied as one parcel and must be sold as one parcel.

Roberta Eckert-Chrispell P46479

Attorney for Frank J. Depa and

Margaret M. Depa

3225 W. Houghton Lake Dr.

Houghton Lake, MI 48629

-13-20-27-3-10

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Debra A. Legg, a single woman, Mortgagor, of 11538 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corporation, of 115 Mitchell Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on August 21, 2001, in Liber 550 at Pages 005 through 019, inclusive, of the Crawford County Records, and assigned to Chemical Bank and Trust Company, a Michigan banking corporation, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage which was dated August 20, 2001 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford on August 21, 2001 in Liber 550, at pages 020 through 021, inclusive, of the Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-eight and Forty Hundredths Dollars (\$26,728.40).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in the Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as foreclosed, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Six and Seventy-five hundredths percent (6.75%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 11538 Steckert Bridge Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows: The South 43 feet of the North 215 feet of the East 133 Feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, section 31, T25N, R4W.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

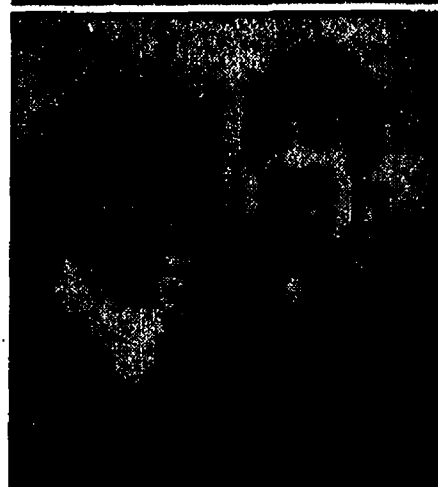
Dated: January 12, 2005
Jonathan E. Linderback (P51313)
Currie Kendall, PLC
6024 Eastman Avenue
Midland, Michigan 48640
(989) 839-0300
Attorneys for Chemical Bank and Trust Company, assignee of
Chemical Bank West

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2005 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



January 14, 1982 - New owners Larry and Janet Raymond are the new owners of R & H Sports in Grayling.

me," board member Bernadine Dosch said. "sports still seems to be the exception to the rule. If we had run classes and had a low percentage of fee participation, we would have dropped the classes so fast your head would spin. Why do we let it go on in sports?"

Nancy Krey was sworn in as the new County Clerk of Crawford County on January 4, by Probate Judge Emil Kraus. Krey moves up from her deputy clerk position to replace Leo Lovely who retired after 35 years as county clerk.

23 Years Ago January 14, 1982

Ice jams on the main stream of the AuSable have caused water levels to rise two feet in some places. Backed up water near Wakeley Bridge completely surrounded one cabin and came within two inches Sunday of topping the foundation blocks. An ice jam on the north branch below Lovells caused flooding that came within four feet of one house along the river.

Less than a third of 170 students who participated in fall sports have made \$25 donations to the Grayling Booster Club. School board members had hoped for a greater degree of participation when they okayed the outside funding proposal by the Booster Club to pick up the tab for the school's sport program. "This is very discouraging to

46 Years Ago January 15, 1959

The regular meeting of the Grayling Sportsmen's Club was held on January 7 at the Club House. New officers were elected for the coming year. These were President, Leon Rochette, Vice-President, Claude Lytle, Secretary, Dick Rasmussen and Treasurer, Joe Hull. The directors for the coming year will be Batch Anderson, Al Wojahn, Earl Madsen and Sam Bailey. A discussion was held on the Bounty Law Repeal. The club returned a questionnaire to the M. U. C. C. expressing the opinion that the bounty be retained on Red Fox, Coyote, Wolf and Bob Cats. Also a motion was made and supported that a bounty be put on Raccoon or have no closed season.

A classified ad reads: 1,700 feet of AuSable river frontage with 35 acres of land fronting on

a County Road. Located near Frederic. Electricity, will divide. \$8,500 with terms.

The Pink Lady store at 204 Michigan Avenue advertises their pre-inventory sale and some new spring fashions now on display.

69 Years Ago January 16, 1936

Should Old Man Weather remain loyal to Grayling, after showing us this past weekend how very gracious he can be, Winter sports will reach its peak of expectation for 1936 and close with the greatest success so far achieved. As the first snow train for Detroit whistled for Grayling, the huge crowd which surged the station looked like snowmen who had donned a literal snowsuit to meet their guests as the snow flakes fell on varicolored outfits and snow, snow, everywhere welcomed the arrivals.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education, Emil Giegling was elected as a member of succeed C. J. McNamara who recently resigned.

January 14th witnessed the breaking up of Camp Hartwick, Co 374, when most of the boys were sent to camps in Illinois. All wearing apparel was sent to Camp Suter. A few men were transferred to nearby camps and a few others returned to civilian life. The Johannesburg C.C.C. camp was also discontinued and about one third of the men were transferred to Camp Eldorado. Another camp recently discontinued was Camp Pioneer, Co. 1611, January 13.

92 Years Ago January 16, 1913

The morning train from the south, No. 207, did not arrive at all Saturday morning, so all the mail came on the afternoon flyer. The cause of the delay was a wreck somewhere on the road.

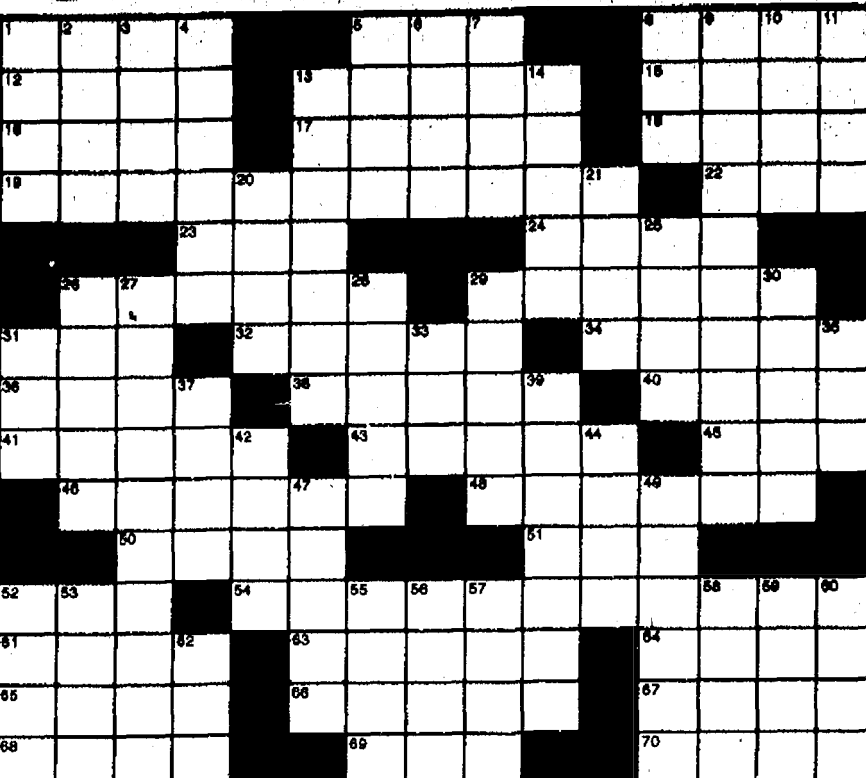
Not in 95 years has Easter come any earlier in the year than it will in 1913 and it will not come as early again for 87 years.

The stockholders of the Grayling Opera House Co. held their annual meeting last week Friday evening and elected the following directors: John F. Hum, pres.; Scott Loader, vice-pres.; Fred Narrin, secretary; A. Taylor, treas. A. B. Failing manager; Scott Loader and James Overton, assistant managers; George Mahon, Frank Freeland and R. D. Connine.

For many years it has been the dream of many to see at some time a road built by the state north and south on the Principal Meridian from the Ohio state line to the Straits of Mackinac. Among the most enthusiastic advocates of such a proposition has been Go. W. Sackrider, of Roscommon, who for twenty years talked such a project all the time. It begins to look as if something feasible may develop from this idea.

T. E. Douglas started up his new wood mill in Lovells last Monday morning and has shipped a carload of wood each day since, besides supplying the local trade.

CROSSWORD



- Across**
- Title of a knight's wife.
 - Acronym for Sun Protection Factor.
 - Simple.
 - Plural of "oleum."
 - Meek, easily led person.
 - Perfume obtained from flower petals.
 - Acronym for Optical Signal Noise Ratio.
 - Of the greatest relevance.
 - Heavenly body.
 - Mountain climber.
 - Blended whiskey.
 - Make a mistake.
 - Italian coin equal to 100 centesimi.
 - Revise to reflect current state.
 - Variant of Isaac.
 - Acronym for Get the Lead Out.
 - Encircles or encompasses.
 - Behaved in a certain fashion.
 - Buddies.
 - Southeastern African antelope.
 - Slay or murder.
 - Like a foolish, doddering old woman.
 - Upright, inscribed stone monument.
 - Poetic form of "over."
 - Basic or principal item.
 - Expose something as false.
 - Unit of Zulu warriors.
 - Acronym for National Broadcasting Network.
 - Heelless shoe worn as a boot liner.
 - Act of rubbing with liniment.
 - Colored portion of the eye.
 - Daring bandit.
 - Lowest female voice.
 - One who doesn't tell the truth.
 - Made of oats.
 - Chow.
 - Narrow passageway between fences.
 - Nine plus one.
 - Freedom from pain.
- Down**
- Unavoidable ill fortune.
 - Too.
 - List of restaurant offerings.
 - Merited as compensation.
 - Title of respect for a Hindu deity.
 - Striking end of a hammer-head.
 - Woman or wife.
 - Greek goddess of the dawn.
 - Enticing event.
 - Remain.
 - Time past.
 - Brave; undaunted.
 - Removes covering of.
 - Snare.
 - Acronym for Recording Industry Association of America.
 - Ruin or destruction.
 - Lancers in the Polish army horse cavalry units.
 - Seeker of public office.
 - Alex's mother on Family Ties.
 - Surrounded.
 - Turkish raft supported on inflated animal skins.
 - Acronym for Grade Point Average.
 - Consume.
 - Abbreviation for dealer.
 - Shut hard.
 - Capital of Orne, France.
 - Acronym for English Placement and Proficiency Exam.
 - Popular '70s Swedish pop group.
 - State of confinement.
 - Mess up; make wild.
 - Tiresomely disagreeable person.
 - Air or melody.
 - Spilled child.
 - Child vehemently.
 - Baking chamber.
 - Plural of "ileum."
 - Redding, American singer.
 - Not any.
 - Acronym for Search Radar Element.



APPLE-PECAN COFFEE CAKE

Pecan Streusel:

- 1 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1 cup pecan pieces, toasted
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Cake:

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon baking powder

In a small bowl, mix together the brown sugar, flour and pecan pieces. Drizzle butter over sugar mixture and stir to combine. Set aside while you make the cake.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease the bottom and sides of a 13x9-inch baking pan. Stir together the flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Using an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition.

Stir together the milk and vanilla extract. Alternately add the milk and flour mixtures to the batter three separate times. Mix until combined. Stir in the apple pieces.

Spread half the batter in the pan. Sprinkle half the streusel over the batter. Spread the remaining batter over the streusel and sprinkle the rest of the streusel on top. Bake until a skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean, about 35-40 minutes. Cool before cutting.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW??

Casey Kasem is the voice of "Shaggy" on "Scooby Doo".

MAZE

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 13, 2005

Capricorn
December 22-January 19

This week's goal is clear. Work your way through the maze of projects at work and win a prize—the appreciation of your boss.

Aries
March 21-April 19

A squabble between family members spirals out of control. Time to take the kid gloves off. Travel plans go off without a hitch.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

You suffer a financial setback. Reduce spending, avoid impulse buys and pay attention to your budget, and you'll soon be back on track.

Libra
September 23-October 22

A major home improvement expense sends you ducking for cover. Don't be such a scrooge, Libra. Your home deserves a little TLC every now and then.

Aquarius
January 20-February 18

Ouch! A friend makes a crass remark. Try not to let it bother you. They are facing a crisis and could really use your support.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

Just when you think things couldn't get any better, they do. Make the most of these pleasant times. A dark cloud looms. An organization needs your help—jump onboard!

Leo
July 23-August 22

Great. Your idea doesn't pan out. Go back to the drawing board, sit down with your team, flesh out your new ideas and be open to the concepts that emerge.

Scorpio
October 23-November 21

Memories of betrayal make you hesitant to extend a hand of friendship. Let go of the past, Scorpio. The rewards you reap will be worth the trouble.

Pisces
February 19-March 20

You grow weary of the attention your recent project has garnered. Pull back and let the new kid on the block take center stage.

Virgo
August 23-September 22

A trio of headaches has you reaching for the aspirin. Don't worry. The end of the week holds more promise. Cut loose and have fun!

Sagittarius
November 22-December 21

A friend's financial woes inspire you to take a hard look at your financial situation. The results astound you. You're better off than you thought.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET

Amos is a neutered male rottweiler. He is quite friendly, but should not live where there are cats. Amos is a little shy at first, but that wears off quite quickly. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.assc.petfinder.com

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who can not afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Dixie at 348-4117 or 348-9178

More Dog Opoly and other board games (\$25) are on order and will be available at The Copy Shop soon! Calendars (\$5) and cookbooks (\$15) available at the Avalanche. All proceeds to the shelter.

Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets are also on sale at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe Chemical Bank and the shelter. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week	Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Snow	High	Low	Snow
1/5	27	15	T	37	0	Snow
1/6	16	12	T	14	-3	Snow
1/7	19	11	7	7	-1	Snow
1/8	23	17	7	11	4	Snow
1/9	26	18	7	18	10	Snow
1/10	29	25	6	23	14	Snow
1/11	25	16	6	18	10	Snow

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

NEWER RANCH HOME, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, close to town, \$119,900, must sell. Make offer 989-348-1482 (-13-20-27-3-10-17-24-3/1)

1. Real Estate

4552 ORBIT DRIVE, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, full finished basement, large yard, quiet dead end street, \$117,500. Home: 348-8902 Cell: 390-0696 (-13-20-27-3/1)

1. Real Estate

GRAYLING 2.5 ACRES wooded near AuSable mainstream and state land. \$13,900 by owner. 348-7355 (-1/13/05tf/1)

4 BEDROOM, 2 bath. 304 Elm St., Grayling. 348-5291 (-13/1)

1. Real Estate

ROSCOMMON LAND CONTRACT, 1,400 square feet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. \$65,000, \$10,000 down, \$482.66 payments. 517-543-3057 (-13-20-27-3-10/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

1. Real Estate

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710 (1/6/05TF/1)

LOW INCOME? Do you want to buy a home? If you have good credit or no credit and low income, you may qualify for a government funded home loan with payments adjusted to your income. Call Connie at 989-390-2888 or 989-348-6579. *(For example: yearly income for a family of 4 \$39,100 or less.) (-LR2/10/05/1)

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX, 1 bath, near town, appliances included, attached garage, \$500 per month, includes heat, \$500 deposit, no smoking, no pets. 348-6938 (1/13/05tf/2)

WEEKLY SPECIAL fully furnished, microwave and refrigerator, \$99.00 per week. Grayling Northwoods Resort. 989-344-9000. (-16-23-30-6-13-20-27)

FOR RENT efficiency apartments. Includes all utilities, cable, and trash. No pets. 989-348-6649. (-6-13-20-27/2)

FOR RENT, 2 bedroom home near North Higgins Lake Drive. \$525 a month plus deposit and utilities. Available now. Call 989-821-6081. (-6-13/2)

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1. Real Estate

Connie L. Winans

Only \$68,500 for this 3 bedroom home located on a large corner lot. Featuring: fenced yard, 1 & 1/2 baths, natural gas, close to town, bike trails, Lake Margrethe & Hanson Hills Ski Park. #5419

Century 21

River Country Real Estate • 5688 West M-72 & 2375 S. Business Loop (989) 348-5474

2. For Rent

Building Rental

Retail or office space downtown approximately 1,800 sq. ft. Available January 2005. For more information call Linda at

989-348-6811

2. For Rent

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Grayling, MI 49738

1. Real Estate



This home has great curb appeal. Exceptional four bedroom home with two and 1/2 baths and a total of 2,358 s/f of custom living space. Located on the Fox Run golf course this home features an attached garage and 20x36 detached garage for additional storage. #5363 \$299,000

River Country Real Estate

5688 West M-72

(989) 578-1102

Jerry Gosnell

Associate Broker

1. Real Estate



4 Bedroom home on 10 acres. Large two story 'A' frame home with floor to ceiling windows looking out on a beautiful wooded setting. Big detached garage and pole barn for all the toys. Private and secluded just five miles east of Grayling. \$189,000 #5273.

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Grayling Housing Commission

Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income
Maximum Ceiling Rents

1 Bedroom.....\$400
Rent Includes Utilities

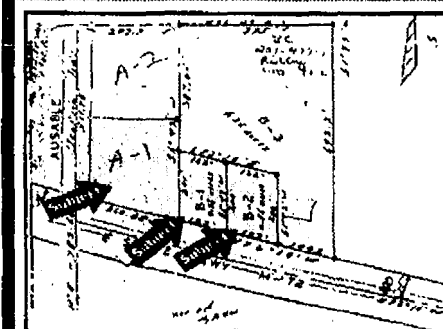
308 Lawndale Drive
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505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTAGE ON M-72 WEST! Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$119,500



165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AU-SABLE RIVER. Handyman special sits 50' from the river edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Brick fireplace. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1512 \$129,900



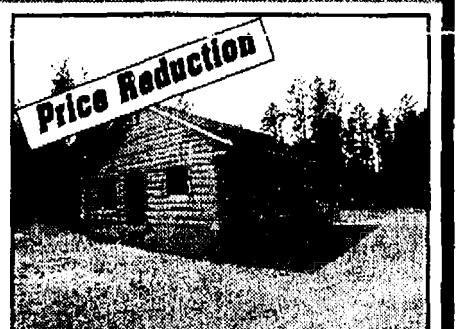
HIGGINS LAKE ACCESS Secluded among beautiful hardwoods with ideal recreation potential. This 1,120 sq. ft. 2 BR home has never been lived in! Features include large open living-kitchen-dining area, drywall interior, and oversized master BR. The naturally landscaped yard includes a fire pit, picnic table & swing set. Immediate occupancy. CH-2040 \$79,900



SNOWMOBILE & HUNTING! Home with 1100 square feet. New Barber carpet down stairs. New vinyl siding, windows, and floors in kitchen and bath also new roof on house. Kitchen offers oak cabinets, lazy susan and walk in pantry and stainless steel sink. Comes with all appliances. 160 acres of state land across the road. Close to snowmobile trails. CS-2034 \$59,900



Above the Crowd!



2.5 ACRES OFF BURTON'S LANDING ROAD 30x34 log cottage. AuSable River access, includes windows & doors. Travel trailer on site available for additional \$4,000. CH-1913 \$69,900



278' FRONTAGE ON UPPER AU-SABLE RIVER Secluded 10-acre double parcel. Mixture of hardwoods, electricity on site & private easement. Land contract available. Close to snowmobile trails and hunting. CH-1997 \$69,900



2.5 CAR ATT. LUXURY LOG HOME located among beautiful hardwoods on 6-acres of rolling terrain. Features: 3BR, 3BA, office, exercise room, large den, family room w/fieldstone fireplace, knotty pine interior throughout, Hickory hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, quality stainless appliances, 2-car att. garage, and master suite w/jet tub & French doors to elevated covered deck. CH-2036 \$289,000



THIS 1,632 SQ. FT. HOME OVERLOOKING 10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS and the valley. It features: two skylites, extensive knotty pine interior accent, six-panel pine doors, ceramic tile kitchen and baths, plus a security system. 2 Garages & most furniture negotiable. CH-2037 \$159,900

SOLD
40 ACRES
adjoining State
Land on 2 sides
CS-2043
\$96,000

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Winning Office of 8
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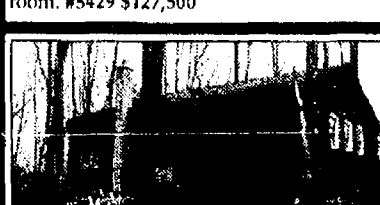
NEW LISTING
Lake & Snowmobile Enthusiasts...will love this location near Lake Margrethe w/trails on the state land that abuts this property! Very nice home w/updates to numerous to list. 3 possibly 5 bedrooms, open living room/kitchen/dining area plus family room. #5429 \$127,500



Location, quality, value and charm! This 4 BR, bi-level home in Roscommon's desirable Brookside acres is a must see. Home features unique hot tub room/family room combo, 2 car attached heated garage with entrance to lower level. 2 gas fireplaces. Seller Motivated! #5231 \$158,000



A warm fireplace awaits you in this 3 bedroom, 1 bath frame built ranch home in fashionable North Park subdivision. With newly opened kitchen, large yard with shed, and 1 1/2 car garage, it's a hot opportunity at \$5415 \$87,200



80 acres with the Huron National Forest on 3 sides. Perfect for that hunt camp or secluded get away. 32x24 cabin has LP lights, wood burner, knotty pine walls and more. Hand pump well and bath with a path complete the package. #5417 \$179,000



With state land to the west, seclusion surrounds you at this cozy 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home only 3/10's miles from the AuSable River North Branch. Also features attached, insulated garage and storage for the snowmobiles. #5236 \$88,500



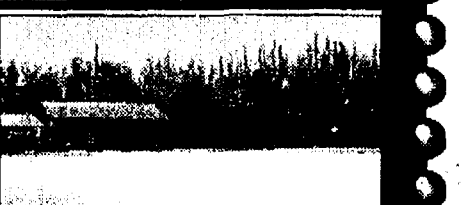
Awsome custom built home on the east branch of the AuSable. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home features cedar siding, split field stone fireplace, ceramic and hardwood flooring, custom windows, extensive decking, attached 2 car garage, sprinkler system, landscaping a dock on the river and much, much more. #5344 \$225,000



90 Acres of land surrounds this quality built log sided home. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, drywall and knotty pine interior, covered porch, alarm system, pole barn, Michigan basement, and LP gas generator for emergencies. Enjoy the hunting blinds, rye fields and thousands of acres of adjacent state land. #5357 \$339,000



Immaculate four bedroom, two bath home situated on a little over an acre adjacent to state land. This home features an all new drywall interior with a superior layout. Spacious, yet homey, your family will enjoy all the amenities that AuSable Woods has to offer. A real steal at \$94,500. #5343



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LOWER ONE BEDROOM unit for rent in town. \$435 plus heat and security, fully redecorated, immediate occupancy. Call between 9 and 5:30. 348-4006. (-6-13/2)

2 BEDROOM duplex, \$425 a month. 348-5230 (-13-20/2)

2 BEDROOM MOBILE home for rent on AuSable River main-stream. 4 1/2 miles north of Luzerne. Borders snowmobile, horseback trail, and state land. 989-826-3126. \$450/month. (-13-20-27/2)

FOR RENT, house in city of Grayling, 2 bedroom, full basement, \$500 a month plus utilities. First and last in advance. Available January 15th. Call 348-6212. (-13-20/2)

THREE BEDROOM MOBILE 1 1/2 bath, private land off M-72 by Burton's Landing. \$350 month, plus utilities. (989) 348-6674 or (877) 365-2007. (-6-13-20/2)

HOUSE & CABINS at Lost Acres. Large 3-4 bedroom log home w/new flooring and paint. Garage not included. \$595 plus \$600 security and all utilities. One bedroom cabins for rent \$375, including all utilities plus \$200 security. 30 wooded acres. 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, 3 miles south of Waters. Walk to Blue Gill Lake. Call Leo toll free at 877-277-6976 or at 586-216-0682. Sorry, no pets allowed. (-13-20/4t/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX apartment located at 2261 Marshall St., \$450/month plus deposit. Available now, must have references, no pets. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-6-13/2)

FOR LEASE all or part prime commercial location at light on M-72 and 93. Call for details. (989)348-8659. (-10/14/04t/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent: \$400 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04t/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03t/2)

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3. Employment

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